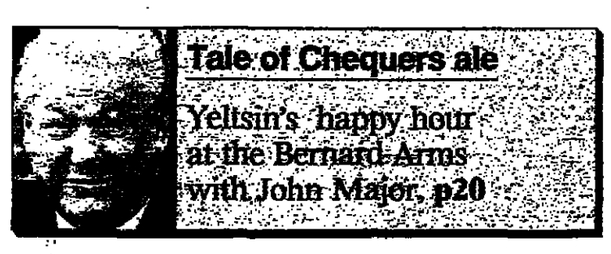


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Blair accused of taking 'step down into the gutter of public life'

Major backs Aitken over bill at Ritz

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

JONATHAN Aitken, backed by Sir Robin Butler and an aggressive John Major, fiercely countered allegations yesterday that he had lied about the bill for a two-day stay at the Hôtel Ritz in Paris as the Government failed to extricate itself from the continuing crisis over sleaze.

In a furious clash in the Commons Tony Blair, the Labour leader, demanded to know the basis on which Mr Major dismissed ministers' "the truth of the allegations or merely the number of them". Mr Major said that he had not expected to see Mr Blair "step down into the gutter of public life quite so sooon". He added: "If this is to be the new clean politics, let's have the old dirty politics from Labour that we have been used to."

Even as Mr Aitken and Mr Major mounted their counter-attack against "scurrilous" allegations by *The Guardian* that Mr Aitken had lied to Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, the struggle between the Government and the Al-Fayeds flared into open warfare. Within two hours of Mr Major's appearance in the Commons, Mohamed Al-Fayed, the Harrods chief and owner of the Ritz, issued a press release clearly intended to undermine the defence of Mr Aitken, the Chief Secretary of the Treasury. That came only hours after the Director of Public Prosecutions gave police notes of the meeting between the Prime Minister and an informant who went to Downing Street allegedly on behalf of Mr Al-Fayed to level allegations against ministers, an encounter that led one Tory MP to suggest that he had tried to "blackmail" the Prime Minister.

Mr Major's hopes that the sleaze allegations might soon peter out were dashed by the latest claims yesterday about Mr Aitken's stay at the Ritz and apparent discrepancies over whether he had paid the full bill. They were further frustrated last night with the news that Dame Angela Rumbold, a Tory deputy chairman, had stepped down as executive director of a firm of political lobbyists after being reported to the Commons Committee on Members' Interests about her alleged role in the choice of Ebbsfleet for the Channel Tunnel rail link station.

Mr Aitken's bill for his two-night stay at the Ritz was 8,010 francs, according to an apparent copy seen by *The Times*. But a letter from Frank Klein, of the Ritz, suggested that a woman whom the minister



Rumbold: resigned as Tory deputy chairman

had confirmed was his wife had paid only 4,257 francs. The implication drawn by *The Guardian* was that at least part of the bill was paid for by Said Mohamed Ayas, a Saudi Arabian businessman.

The Guardian alleged yesterday that, when questioned earlier this year by Sir Robin, Mr Aitken had sent him an edited excerpt of the Klein letter suggesting that his wife had paid the full bill.

Mr Major moved swiftly yesterday to defend his minister. Sir Robin wrote to Peter Preston, the editor of *The Guardian*, yesterday saying: "I do not regard Jonathan Aitken as having lied to me or misled me." He said Mr Aitken had given him a complete copy of the letter from Mr Klein, together with "other documentation" relating to the bill. He added that he was satisfied that, "despite the discrepancies in the billing", Mr Aitken and his wife paid their bill in full.

However, neither Mr Aitken nor Downing Street had offered an explanation early last night for the discrepancies in the billing. Andrew Smith, the shadow chief secretary, said: "The public will now expect Mr Aitken to produce the relevant documentation."

In fact, Sir Robin was wrong in speaking of the Aitkens paying "their bill". As Mr Al-Fayed pointed out, Mrs Aitken was not a guest, and that is not disputed.

Mr Aitken hit back at the allegations against him during Treasury Questions in the Commons. He seized the opportunity of a question from Gordon Brown who challenged him over the bill. He said he wanted the chance to "clear myself of these scurrilous allegations" and pointed to the letter from Sir Robin "repudiating and denying the scurrilous allegation which Mr Preston made this morning to the effect that I had lied to the Cabinet Secretary." He called for "an end to this hysterical atmosphere of sleaze journalism".

But he had reckoned without the intervention of Mr Al-Fayed. After watching the Prime Minister's televised Question Time exchanges with Mr Blair, Mr Al-Fayed he issued a statement on Harrods Knightsbridge notepaper, saying: "I note with interest that Mr Aitken is maintaining that he and his wife settled his bill at L'Hôtel Ritz — she was not a guest. I note with interest that the Secretary of the Cabinet has accepted his explanation in spite of the fact that his whole bill was put on to the account of a Saudi businessman."

Mr Al-Fayed said he was surprised that Sir Robin had reached his decision without reference to him because he would have been able to help. "I listened to the call by the Leader of the Opposition for an open investigation into all relevant matters. I should be very happy to co-operate with such an investigation as long as it is conducted by someone of the calibre of Lord Justice Scott. Of course, that presumes that I would be asked to do so."

Meanwhile Dame Angela stepped down last night from her post with the lobbyists Decision Makers after Labour reported her to the Commons Committee on Members' Interests earlier this week for what it claimed was "apparently grossly improper behaviour". The lobbying company was allegedly involved in the decision to choose Ebbsfleet in Kent for the Channel Tunnel rail link station instead of Stratford, in east London. Dame Angela declared her post in the Commons register of members' interests and has said she has nothing to hide.

She declined to comment as Brian Wilson, Labour's industry spokesman, demanded an urgent statement from the Prime Minister, describing the issue as "a very serious matter".

"What Dame Angela had to offer the lobbying firm was access right up to the level of Prime Minister," Mr Wilson said. "If she now recognises that there is a conflict of interest that goes straight to the top, will she now say whether the Prime Minister met the lobbyists and what role they both played? This whole affair has been hopelessly tainted by political influence and I am calling on the Prime Minister to make a statement."

MICHAEL STEPHENS



Aitken took chance to "clear myself of these scurrilous allegations"

Tory haunted by the ghosts of Room 526

By Andrew Pierce

THE long walk down the corridor to Room 526 at the Hôtel Ritz in Paris has come back to haunt Jonathan Aitken. Mr Aitken spent two nights in the Al-Fayed establishment, which has already led to the downfall of one minister, last September.

Three leading Arab businessmen were in the Ritz at the same time. They were Said Mohammed Ayas, a former business associate of Mr Aitken, Fahad Somait, another former business acquaintance of the minister, and Wafic Said, a close friend of Mark Thatcher.

Mr Aitken went to Paris to meet his wife Lolicia and daughter Victoria, who was starting at a new school that weekend. He had dinner with Mr Ayas, Victoria's godfather, but did not meet the other men. He stayed in a single "superior" class room and ran up a bill of 8,010 francs, almost £1,000. A copy of the bill, with the name Mr Jonathan Aitken at the top, shows that the room charge was 2,600 francs a night. Extras included room service, two telephone calls and laundry.

The computerised bill is not signed, and there is no indication who paid it. At the end it says: total 8,010 francs; balance: 0.00 francs. Mr Aitken's wife and daughter stayed elsewhere in the city.

The bill, according to *The Guardian*, was debited to the sixth-floor suite of Mr Ayas, which costs 18,000 francs a night. Settlement of the room bill by Mr Ayas would appear to breach the Questions of Procedure for Ministers guidelines which were reprinted in 1992 on the orders of the Prime Minister.

Mr Aitken denies that Mr Ayas paid it. He says that the debt was settled in cash by his wife after he had left France. Challenged to prove it, he told *The Guardian* it was settled by "money given to her by me for this purpose some hours after I had left Paris". Mrs Aitken was not available for comment.

The newspaper claims, however, it has documents showing that only half of the bill was credited to Mr Ayas's balance at the hotel. Mr Aitken told the newspaper to refer the matter to Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, who has cleared him of any impropriety.

The minister said he had a receipt from the hotel and an independent witness to the transaction involving Mrs Aitken. But when he failed to give a copy of the receipt to the newspaper, the editor sent a dossier to Sir Robin. On February 25, after Mr Aitken told the newspaper he was confident that there had been no breach of the rules, a copy of the dossier was sent to John Major.

A few days later, Mr Aitken wrote to Sir Robin quoting a letter from Frank Klein, manager of the hotel, showing that a woman had paid the bill.

Mr Klein, in his letter to Mr Aitken, said: "I discussed matters with the cashier who was on duty on September 19 and I am pleased that he does in fact remember the transaction to which you refer. His recollection is that a brunette lady of European aspect

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Ulster deal boosts Major's standing

By Peter Riddell

JOHN Major's widely praised handling of the Northern Ireland ceasefire has helped to boost his opinion poll rating to its highest level for 18 months, according to the latest MORI poll for *The Times*.

The recovery in his standing has had little impact, however, on the Tories' low overall rating. Tony Blair's election as Labour leader has continued to boost his party's rating to record levels as support for the Liberal Democrats has been squeezed sharply since the spring. The poll shows the impact of the parties' contrasting experiences at their annual conferences.

The latest MORI poll, undertaken last weekend, as stories about "sleaze" were dominating the media and just before Neil Hamilton resigned as a junior minister, shows Tory support unchanged at 25 per cent, while Labour has advanced three points to 57 per cent. The Liberal Democrats are down three points to 14 per cent.

For the first time in two years there is evidence of a pick-up in Mr Major's personal rating from its previous record low. The number of people satisfied with the way he is doing his job as Prime Minister is now 27 per cent, up from 17 per cent only two months ago. The proportion dissatisfied has dropped from 76 per cent to 66 per cent over the period.

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Clinton fails to win over Assad

From Martin Fletcher in Damascus

PRESIDENT Clinton, anxious to cap Wednesday's Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty with a comprehensive Middle East settlement, yesterday became the first American leader in 20 years to visit the pariah state of Syria. But his advisers admitted last night that his gamble had paid off only partially.

After three hours of talks in Damascus, Mr Clinton claimed that he and President Assad had made "some progress" on substantive issues blocking an all-important Israeli-Syrian accord, but senior White House officials lamented that Mr Assad had not publicly reassured Israelis leaders on his intentions. A formal treaty could still be attained within four to six months, they believe.

In Jerusalem later, Mr Clinton experienced the Middle East's explosive religious and political complexities when he had to admit defeat and cancel his controversial tour of the holy sites in the Israeli-annexed eastern half of the city.

American officials said that Mr Assad, in private discussions with Mr Clinton, condemned recent terrorism by militant groups bent on destroying the peace process, but were disappointed that he failed to do so publicly. They also regretted that he had scornfully dismissed a reporter's suggestion that he open direct talks with Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister.

"In terms of substance, we saw some movement," one official said. "In terms of public diplomacy, we didn't see today what we would like to have seen."

The Clinton Administration is growing increasingly concerned that terrorism such as last week's Tel Aviv bus bombing could derail the painfully slow Israeli-Syrian talks. Mr Clinton said he and Mr Assad had agreed to accelerate the talks, and had made progress on substantive issues, but neither he nor his officials would disclose details.

Israel and Syria have been deadlocked for months over the terms on which Israel would meet Syria's demand for its full withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

Mr Clinton later flew to Jerusalem, and was last night briefing Mr Rabin on his meeting with Mr Assad.

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Serbs hold four British UN troops

From Joel Brand in Sarajevo

FOUR British soldiers serving with the United Nations are being held by Bosnian Serbs despite promises that they would be released.

The four Britons were captured on Tuesday while on a night-time mission near a British UN base at Tomislavgrad, in eastern Bosnia-Herzegovina. The men and a female translator were missing until a Serb army liaison officer said next day that they were being held for questioning, reportedly in Kupres.

The Serbs had said the five would be released yesterday but a UN source said last night: "They are being held against their will."

Lieutenant-Colonel Tim Spicer, a UN spokesman, refused to give the men's unit or regiment, any personal information, or to explain their unusual mission. It is uncommon for peacekeepers to go on night patrol, apparently crossing front lines.

Elite British units have been used for special tasks in Bosnia ranging from secret negotiations to infiltrating besieged areas and directing Nato air raids.

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Wry thought.– Such a tender age to experience a brush with the law.



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Piddling poodles peddle a passable line in righteous indignation

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

The present level of debate at Westminster was well illustrated by John Major's odd use of "piddling" yesterday when he seemed to mean "peddling". The Prime Minister was concerned about people peddling — or was it piddling? — rumour. He employed the word three times in his exchanges with Tony Blair. Once he pronounced it as "peddling", once as "piddling" and once in a form which sounded like "puddling". The Tory back benches confined themselves, as usual, to poodling.

Up a creek of his own, the Chief Treasury Secretary, Jonathan Aitken, seemed to be paddling. Moments into Treasury Questions, he decided on a pre-emptive paddle and, without provocation, said that Labour's Gordon Brown deserved "a good kick up his endogenous zone". He was referring to an arcane speech Brown made weeks ago. Poodles behind Aitken all but wet themselves with delight at this thrust. Brown looked really — well ... piddled off. Making yet another "ho-ho" remark about his endogenous zone is rather like cracking the umpteenth back-to-basics joke to John Major: your victim may choose to respond with a weak smile, or a smack in the face. Brown chose a smack in the face. He demanded to know whether Aitken had himself paid all his hotel bill at the Ritz. It was the Labour poodles' turn to yap.

Madam Speaker protested. Surely this had nothing to do with the question, which was about unemployment? But Aitken felt that, unless answered, these allegations might well have a bearing on unemployment: his own. Asking leave of the Chair to respond, he replied by quoting a letter from somebody else confirming that this person did not consider him a liar: but that is what Privy Counsellors are expected to do.

Ours is a strange nation. A scaffolder or a pastry-chef might think it beneath his dignity to read aloud, in the presence of his friends and for the benefit of doubters, a letter from somebody else confirming that this person did not consider him a liar. Aitken sounded genuine. Poodles cheered.

The exchange proved piddling by comparison with what was to come. Within half an hour Tony Blair was peddling furiously. He wanted to know upon what criteria ministers were being sacked or retained. Blair's question was well-framed, but pitched with that trace of adolescent indignation which still undermines the force of his delivery.

Mr Major roused himself to a magisterial fury and accused Blair of piddling instead of behaving in the civilised way he had promised. The PM thinks that being civilised means not criticising the Government.

Major's logic was questionable, but to respond, as Blair did, in an almost plaintive "Please, Sir, that's not *fair*" tone, lacked authority. Denis Healey would have scored with a "Come off it, sonny" approach. Blair still sounds more like defence than prosecuting counsel and the Commons is a place where apparent self-belief trumps logic every time.

Lewis Carroll would have enjoyed yesterday. Margaret Thatcher's Queen of Hearts will never be surpassed, but Mr Major was a passable Mad Hatter. He raged against unasked questions with such command — and volume — that the mismatch passed almost unnoticed.

Tony Blair felt understandably aggrieved. It's a *Through the Looking Glass* world. But Mr Blair needs to stop sounding like Alice.

The old Etonian with Middle Eastern promise

BY EMMA WILKINS AND ALICE THOMSON

JONATHAN Aitken's links with the Middle East, which were forged more than 20 years ago, establish him as one of the Conservative Party's best-connected Arabists.

The Eton and Oxford educated MP for Thanet South counts a number of influential Middle Eastern businessmen among his greatest friends, including Said Mohammed Ayas who is godfather to his 14-year-old daughter, Victoria, and Wafic Said, the Syrian-born businessman and friend of Mark Thatcher. Both men have business connections with Mr Aitken: Mr Ayas and Mr Aitken were long-standing directors until 1992 of Al Bilad (UK), a subsidiary of a Saudi investment company founded by Mohamed bin Fahd, a son of the Saudi King.

Mr Said, whose contacts include Prince Sultan bin Abdul Aziz, the Saudi defence minister, joined Mr Aitken's merchant bank, Aitken Hume, as a major shareholder in the mid 1980s. When Mr Said became a target of allegations in a London-based Arab satirical magazine in 1984, Mr Aitken is said to have lobbied senior government ministers in his friend's defence. Visitors to Mr Aitken's 10-bedroomed Queen Anne house in Westminster notice ornaments from the Middle East including a ceremonial sword and dagger, which were gifts from King Khalid of Saudi Arabia. He also speaks some Arabic.

A millionaire in his own right, having inherited nothing from his great uncle Lord Beaverbrook, Mr Aitken's business career has prospered through contacts with the Saudi royals.

It was when a secret £2.1 million Saudi royal stake in TV-am was uncovered in 1988 that Mr Aitken did "the honourable thing" and resigned from the television company he had helped to set up. At the time, Mr Aitken said he had not done anything illegal, but admitted to "an error of judgment" in not informing TV-am's board that they were being financed with Saudi money.

Mr Aitken's first taste of Middle Eastern business affairs came in 1973 when he joined the ill-fated investments house Slater Walker as executive assistant to the chairman, Jim Slater. After a seven-year career in journalism, he took special responsibility for Slater Walker's affairs in the Middle East, working as the company's managing director in the Gulf states and the Lebanon for two years.

Mr Aitken's Saudi connections undoubtedly played a crucial part in John Major's decision to elevate him to Government as defence procurement minister in 1992, and to bring him into the Cabinet in July's reshuffle.

It has taken Mr Aitken more than 18 years in Parliament to reach the Government and now he is there he is determined to stay. In his brief tenure as Chief Secretary he has already become a favourite of the Prime Minister.

Margaret Thatcher considered Mr Aitken a thorn in her side and made sure that he never got anywhere after his one-time stormy relationship with her daughter, Carol. He enraged Baroness Thatcher when he joked about her knowledge of foreign policy, saying "she thinks Sinai is the plural of sinus" to a group of Egyptian dignitaries.

Go-between editor stays silent

BRIAN Hitchen, the newspaper editor named by senior Whitehall sources as the secret Downing Street intermediary in the Al-Fayed affair, again refused to discuss his role yesterday.

***Repeated calls from The Times*, which named Mr Hitchen as the emissary on Wednesday, failed to elicit a response from the editor of the *Sunday Express*.**

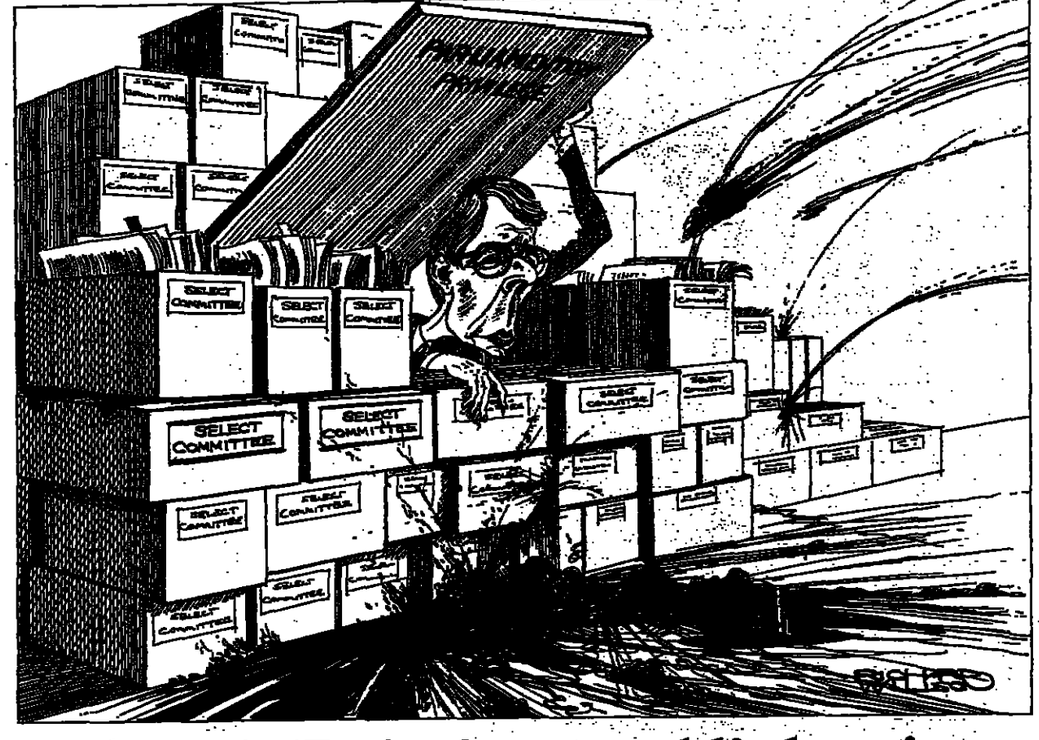
Mr Hitchen's name is understood to have been given to the Director of Public Prosecutions by Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary. It is understood that Scotland Yard, which has been given the file, will interview Mr Hitchen shortly. He is the longest-serving editor on the Press Complaints Commission, but is expected to leave by the end of the year. Senior members of the commission have expressed disquiet about his part in the Al-Fayed allegations. Mr Hitchen and his proprietor, Lord Stevens of Ludgate, are good friends of Mohamed Al-Fayed. "They have been to lunch at Harrods and Mr Al-Fayed has gone to lunch at their offices," Michael Cole, publicity director of Harrods, said.



Hitchen: DPP inquiry

Mr Hitchen, having talked to Mr Al-Fayed, contacted the Prime Minister's private office and met him at Downing Street on September 29. Alex Allen, the Prime Minister's principal private secretary, took a detailed minute.

Mr Major, having made clear that he would have to go public on the conversation, but that he would preserve Mr Hitchen's anonymity, then called in Sir Robin to begin an investigation.



Labour MPs insist on public hearings

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour Party is drawing up fresh battle plans to force Tory MPs to hold the *Commons cash-for-questions* inquiry in public.

Senior Labour figures are preparing to stage a Commons vote next week to stop the privileges committee holding private hearings into claims that two Tory MPs, Graham Riddick and David Tredinnick, were ready to accept £1,000 each.

Talks between the two parties will be held today to try to ease the deadlock threatening the start of the committee's investigation next week. If no compromise is agreed, Labour plans to use an Opposition debate on Monday to try to force the committee into public sittings.

Seven Labour members of the committee refused to attend hearings after Conservative MPs voted last week to hold the inquiry in private.

Senior Tories on the committee are suggesting a compromise of questioning witnesses in private but publishing evidence in full within 24 hours. However, Labour members indicated yesterday that they would not rejoin the committee unless public hearings were held, although witnesses could be allowed to give sensitive evidence behind closed doors.

The stalemate provoked angry Commons exchanges between John Major and Tony Blair, who accused each other's MPs of blocking a full investigation into the allegations against Mr Riddick and Mr Tredinnick. Mr Blair seized on the dispute by telling John Major: "The privileges committee is deadlocked because your members want it to sit in private."

Mr Major retorted that only one fact stopped the proceedings of the privileges committee — and "that is that your members won't attend that committee, wholly against any precedent in this House". He added: "You are a lawyer. You know that investigations are in private. When those matters are over, debate is in public. You would change that for your own party advantage."

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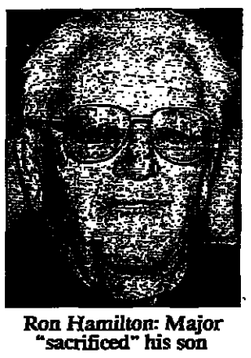
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Ron Hamilton: Major "sacrificed" his son

Hamilton's parents resign from Tory party

THE father of Neil Hamilton, the sacked trade minister, said yesterday that he and his wife were resigning from the Conservative Party because they felt their son did not receive the support he was due from John Major.

Ron Hamilton, 72, a retired mining engineer, told BBC Radio 4: "I have spoken to the local (Tory) agent and told him I am resigning, and my wife is resigning also, because I don't think Neil has had the support he should have had."

His wife had not slept for a week and was very ill over the issue, he said. "The Prime Minister gave him a clean bill really up until Tuesday, when he was called into the Chief Whip's Office and confronted with some further allegations. Actually, during the interview I understand, one of the allegations was cleared on the spot."

Mr Hamilton senior, from Portsmouth, added: "But at the moment the pressure on him, and the pressure on the Prime Minister probably, has meant he has sacrificed my son from his ministerial job. The only thing Neil can do now is clear his name and then get back into the stream where he was."

Correction

A photograph with yesterday's report on the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution was of Professor Richard Macrory, and not Professor John Lawton. We apologise for the error.

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speaking French paid the cash sum of 4,257 francs in favour of the account of Mr Ayas."

However, the copy of the letter received by the Cabinet Secretary ended, according to *The Guardian*, at the words "cash sum"; the reference to 4,257 francs had gone. Mr Aitken, in his statement about Sir Robin's investigation, makes no reference to the letter.

Sir Robin acknowledged that there were discrepancies in the billing of Mr Aitken's hotel stay. He asked Mr Aitken questions, and was satisfied by the assurances he had given.

It was this which prompted *The Guardian* to say that Mr Aitken had lied to the Cabinet Secretary, an allegation he has strenuously denied. The Ritz declines to comment. The Cabinet Secretary and Mr Major have accepted Mr Aitken's assurances. Downing Street has made clear that Sir Robin was aware of all the facts months ago: there were no revelations in *The Guardian* article.

Mr Ayas, who has made no comment, is a long-standing director of Al Bilad (UK), a subsidiary of a Saudi investment company. Mr Aitken was a director of the company until his promotion to Minister of State for Defence Procurement in 1992.

Evans goes to industry

JOHN Major yesterday appointed Jonathan Evans, the MP for Brecon and Radnor, as a parliamentary under-secretary at the Department of Trade and Industry, to replace Neil Hamilton.

Mr Evans, 44, entered Parliament in 1992, when he seized the seat from the Liberal Democrats, who had held it since a 1985 by-election. The majority of 130 makes the constituency the fifth most vulnerable Tory seat.

Mr Evans, a right-wing Welsh solicitor, enters the Government for the first time. He had been serving as a parliamentary private secretary to Sir John Wheeler, the Ulster minister, and previously worked in the same capacity for the former Ulster minister Michael Mates.

TV company cuts 'shifty' Mellor clip

An ITV company yesterday agreed to a request from David Mellor, MP, to cut unflattering footage of him from a programme broadcast last night. Andy Allen, chief executive of Carlton UK, assured Mr Mellor that although he did not agree that the 30-second clip would depict him as "shifty and evasive", it would be removed from last night's current affairs programme *The Big Story*. Journalists at Twenty Twenty Television demanded their names be removed from the closing credits.

Baby case appeal date

Bernadette and Adrian Mooney, the British couple sentenced to 28 months in jail for buying and trying to smuggle a baby out of Romania, will have their appeal heard on November 9, a judge said in Bucharest yesterday. The couple were convicted on October 14, but are on bail. Mr Mooney, 42, said: "I am surprised it came up so quickly."

Chambermaid verdict

Sandra Parkinson, 22, the chambermaid whose body was found near a cliff path at Salcombe, Devon, in July, was unlawfully killed, a coroner ruled yesterday. Detective Superintendent Phil Pyke told the inquest at Plymouth that police were satisfied that Alan Conner, a 32-year-old drifter who committed suicide in Cambridgeshire, was her killer.

Payout for IRA victim, 3

Terri White, 3, of Belfast, was awarded £100,000 damages by the Recorder's Court for injuries she received when she was hit by IRA gunfire at the age of five weeks. She was being cradled by her grandfather, Billy Kingsberry, when gunmen burst into their house in 1991. Mr Kingsberry and Terri's uncle, Sam Mehaffy, 19, were shot dead.

CSA challenge fails

The High Court yesterday refused Andy Farquarson, 43, of Rugby, permission to challenge a Child Support Agency decision. The High Court rejected Mr Farquarson's request to fight the CSA's decision to make maintenance assessments for his two sons, despite being told by his former wife that she did not want the agency to act on her behalf.

Britons held in Spain

Spanish police have arrested two Britons in the resort of Mijas Costa, seizing hashish valued at £1 million and £250,000 in various currencies. After a chase, the drugs were found in a lorry in which a racing car was being transported. The pair were named last night as Anthony Seddon, of Manchester, and Michael Brown, of Birmingham. A third man escaped.

God and Bennett

The Pope's book, *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, has entered the bestseller lists at number two. Only Alan Bennett's diaries, *Writing Home*, are outselling it. The book, in which the Pope answers questions on his views about life, has already sold two million copies worldwide. It was published in Britain last week.

Public school pals turned to violence and bank robbery

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

TWO former public schoolboys who carried out violent crimes for kicks were jailed yesterday by the High Court in Aberdeen.

Paul Macklin, 21, a Gordonstoun old boy, was sentenced to eight years and Robert Cadiz, 22, received a nine-year term. They were convicted of conspiring to stage a £300,000 armed robbery. Cadiz was found guilty of robbing at gunpoint a branch of the Clydesdale Bank in Aberdeen and Macklin was found guilty of pointing a loaded shotgun at four police officers and of hijacking a motorist at gunpoint.

Grampian Police who carried out the investigation said the two were "adrenalin junkies" who undertook dangerous exploits for thrills and who had an obsession with the military. Police believe they may have killed had they not been caught.

Macklin enjoyed daring exploits and bragged about mimicking James Bond by skiing downhill and then parachuting over the edge of a precipice. Cadiz confessed that he got a "buzz" from the bank robbery in which he netted £3,000.

The two men came from privileged backgrounds and "wanted for nothing", the court heard. Defence counsel for the two men said they were unable to explain why the pair had turned to crime.

Relatives wept as Lord Marnoch, the trial judge, handed down the sentences. He told the pair: "You presented a sawn-off shotgun and threatened to shoot no less than four police officers. The presence in public streets of lethal weapons is a very serious matter."

During the eight-day trial, the court heard that the men used a sawn-off Russian shotgun and a Winchester pump-action gun in the crimes. The judge said the ordeal suffered by the hijacked motorist, John Cumming, 60, had clearly had lasting effects. At least three of their victims were still receiving counselling, including WPC Della Thom, whom Macklin threatened to "blow away" with a sawn-off shotgun.

Police said the pair used their superior intelligence to plan their crimes down to the last detail. Macklin had six convictions for drug offences and theft and was on probation at the time the crimes were committed.



Cadiz: Sandhurst



Macklin: Gordonstoun

Detective Inspector Ronald Falconer of Grampian Police, who led the inquiry, said he was concerned at the level of violence. "Their actions had gone way beyond psychological domination," he said.

He believed the pair may well have gone on to kill had they not been stopped. "Both were adrenalin junkies. They committed crimes for kicks and to solve their financial problems."

Hugh Matthews, QC, counsel for Cadiz, said: "This is a tragic fall from grace for a young man from a good background."

Donald Findlay, QC, for Macklin, said his client had appeared to lose his way about two years ago. "I am unable to say how or why it is that a young man of undoubted education and intellect, and from his particular background, should become involved in offences of this type."

The pair met at Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen's top fee-paying school, after Macklin had left Gordonstoun because of bullying. They shared mutual interests in outdoor sports, skiing, fast cars and glorification of violence. Cadiz, who dropped out of his geography course at St Andrews University, shared Macklin's flat in Aberdeen. Cadiz had been the top Territorial Army graduate from Sandhurst.

The case has given unwelcome added publicity to Gordonstoun, the subject of allegations of bullying in Jonathan Dimbleby's biography of the Prince of Wales.

James Thomas, spokesman for the school, said its philosophy was "Platonic" and that its founder Kurt Hahn had stressed compassion and respect.

"We do not even have a cadet force. Bullying is certainly not part of the ethos of the place and we take allegations of bullying very seriously. By bullying I mean being unpleasant, not just physical bullying. We would like to say that there was never any bullying, but it is very unwise to be glib about it. The fact is that if you have 500 young people in a school there is the potential for young people to be unpleasant to each other."



Roz Fernihough celebrates her success in winning compensation from Cosmos in an out-of-court settlement

Law student wins holiday cash battle

A GROUP of package holidaymakers, led by a 49-year-old law student, yesterday won an out-of-court settlement from a tour company after their Caribbean holiday left them "feeling like prisoners". Roz Fernihough pored over her university text books so that the nine tourists could take the holiday firm Cosmos to court.

Yesterday the three couples and a family of three celebrated outside Birmingham County Court after Cosmos agreed before the private case was heard to pay them £5,500 compensation, plus their costs.

Mrs Fernihough, a mother of three from Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, who is in her final year at Birmingham University, had paid £1,526 for a fortnight's half board holiday with her husband Tom, a retired engineer, in the Dominican Republic in March last year.

She said of the Hotel Playa Chiquita in the sunshine resort of Sosua: "The description in the brochure said it was an excellent hotel on a quiet secluded beach which was very popular with Cosmos guests. It boasted large cheerful bedrooms, a swimming pool and Jacuzzi, two restaurants, a casino and disco.



The Caribbean hotel's restaurant, which was closed

"It sounded ideal. But when we got there it was more like Fawlty Towers. We couldn't sleep in our room because it was right next to the disco and my husband nearly got electrocuted from some bare wires when he went to the toilet.

"We complained to the Cosmos rep and were moved to another room. But its roof leaked and we had to keep moving our bed round to find a dry patch.

"The *à la carte* restaurant advertised in the brochure wasn't open and the food in the breakfast bar was indescribably awful, so we had to eat out, even though we paid for half board. People who ate at the hotel ended up with tummy bugs."

Mrs Fernihough added: "We felt like prisoners in the hotel. It was just so awful. I was so angry and upset that we decided to take the next flight home. But the rep told us the flight was full so we decided to band together with the others and take a private action against Cosmos."

She spent 18 months preparing the case for court, getting help on the way from her text books and tutors. "I'm not legally qualified and had to do lot of research into the legal procedures.

"We earned too much to get legal aid but we were not rich enough to afford solicitors' fees if we had lost."

Yesterday, the group travelled to Birmingham from across the country formally to accept a payment into court by Cosmos of £5,500 plus costs, which could come to the same amount again.

Mrs Fernihough said afterwards: "It's such a relief that we've won. I love the law but it's very stressful when you are your own client.

"We got the best deal we could given the present legal system, which is absolutely chaotic and virtually impossible for the ordinary man to bring a successful private action in court."

Cosmos said: "It is always Cosmos's policy to seek, if at all possible, an amicable settlement of any dispute and to restore and retain the goodwill of its customers. We are delighted that we have resolved this dispute to the satisfaction of all parties concerned."

Raider who fled Floors in dinghy is given six years

BY CATHERINE MILTON

A THIEF who took part in a raid on Floors Castle in Scotland was the first of a criminal gang jailed yesterday after a spate of break-ins at stately homes this year.

Anthony Graham, 36, was jailed for six years for his part in the raid on the castle near Kelso, in which the gang used a rubber dinghy to escape with their haul, including 18th-century treasures by Fabergé and Cartier. The total haul was worth £275,000.

None of the stolen items has been recovered. The other raids were at Bamburgh Castle, Northumberland, Abbotsford House, Melrose, Sizergh Castle, Cumbria, Scone Palace, Tayside, and Levington Hall in Cumbria.

A jury at the High Court in Edinburgh took 90 minutes to return a majority verdict against Graham, unemployed, of Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne. However, the prosecution decided not to proceed with an allegation that he was involved in a raid on Scone Palace.

The court heard that Floors Castle, the seat of the Duke of Roxburghe, which was used as the setting for Tarzan's ancestral home in the film *Greystoke*, was broken into at 3.15am on May 13.

Two or three men are believed to have approached the 18th-century castle by the A699 Kelso-Maxton road and then used an 11ft rubber dinghy to cross the River Tweed to the estate.

They travelled three quarters of a mile across the estate grounds to the castle, where they drilled through the bolts on a ground-floor door in the east wing and forced it open, triggering the alarm system.

The thieves ran in and down a corridor to a display cupboard, smashed the glass and stole jewellery and works of art before retracing their steps to the river. The court was told that Graham had bought a dinghy and oars the same week.

Defendant pleads for pause in trial

BY ROBIN YOUNG

THE former Gordonstoun pupil on trial at the Old Bailey for the alleged murder of a stranger pleaded inability to continue his evidence yesterday after his mother fainted in the public gallery.

Jamie Petrolini, 19, had agreed with Conrad Seagroatt QC that he had talked to his Roman Catholic priest about the possibility that his co-defendant, Richard Elsey, was possessed by the devil. Mr Petrolini said: "I thought about all the poems Mr Elsey had written about being in league with Lucifer and I explained that to the medical staff."

As Mr Seagroatt, defending Mr Elsey, continued to cross-examine Mr Petrolini about a psychiatrist's report, his mother Vanda slumped against her husband and appeared to faint. She was assisted from the public gallery and a note was passed to Judge Denison, the Common Serjeant of London, who announced that the jury had asked for a break. After the break, Mr Petrolini returned and said: "Your Honour, I don't think I can continue."

Earlier, Mr Petrolini had firmly denied Mr Seagroatt's suggestions that he, and not Mr Elsey, had taken charge of a weekend expedition to London, which ended with Mr Petrolini stabbing to death Mohamed el-Sayed, the Egyptian-born chef who was driving alone in the Bayswater area of London. Mr Petrolini admits manslaughter on grounds of diminished responsibility. Both men deny murder.

Mr Seagroatt said that Mr Petrolini had given Mr Elsey orders, but Mr Petrolini said he had thought he had been set a test for initiation to the military. Mr Petrolini claims Mr Elsey had told him he was going on an expedition with the SAS.

When asked about the account of the killing he had given to police, Mr Petrolini said: "I don't think in the state of mind I was in I was able to fabricate anything and get away with it."

David Calvert-Smith, prosecuting, referred to school reports from Mr Petrolini's housemaster at Gordonstoun, Mr Goss, which spoke of him as "always very determined to get things right and thoughtfully compassionate towards younger members of the house".

Mr Goss also wrote that Mr Petrolini had been "desperately anxious to succeed, desperately anxious to prove himself to his friends and his parents". Mr Petrolini remarked that he was desperately anxious to make friends, not to impress them.

Mr Petrolini said that when he went to a private college in Oxford to re-sit A levels, he had tried to put behind him ambitions for a military career but was influenced by Mr Elsey who took him to a recruitment office. The trial continues.



One of the bracelets

Trinket was Bronze Age treasure

BY LIN JENKINS

A WOMAN who found an attractive trinket while feeding chickens in the garden and kept it on her windowsill has been told it will net her a small fortune.

Gill Ferguson discovered that the bangle unearthed in her mother-in-law's garden in Birstall, Leicestershire, was a Bronze Age bracelet only when another was found and her son showed it to his history teacher.

The gold bracelets, dating from between 1,000BC and 700BC, are believed to have come from the same workshop and to have been made for important people. An inquest jury at Loughborough declared them treasure trove after a hearing on Wednesday. The Fergusons will now be given the market value by the British Museum, a sum decided by an independent committee based on other examples sold at auction.

The first bracelet was found by Mrs Ferguson and the second was unearthed almost a year later by her mother-in-law Beatrice Ferguson, 70. Gill Ferguson said: "It has not sunk in yet. I have no idea what the value of the bracelets is and even now I don't believe we'll get a substantial amount. I can't believe that I had the bracelet sitting on my kitchen windowsill for months. Eventually my son Lee took it to show his history teacher and he had it dated by a museum."



Beatrice Ferguson: "I'm not a lucky person"

Her mother-in-law said: "I can't believe it. I hadn't even thought of their value until now. I'm not usually a lucky person."

Dr Ian Kinnes, assistant keeper at the British Museum, said the first bangle was 82 per cent pure gold and the second 88 per cent. He described how similar bangles had been discovered all over Europe and were always buried in groups of two to four, but said there was no evidence that they were used in burials.

"These bangles are rare in terms of content and value. Back in the Bronze Age they would have been a display of wealth and prestige," he said.

Getty loses last round of fight for the Graces

BY DALYA ALBERGE
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

CANOVA'S "Three Graces" is to stay in Britain after the Court of Appeal rejected the Getty Museum's application for a judicial review yesterday.

However, its new owners may have to compensate the vendors with the interest they would have gained from a sale to America. One estimate suggests that the Victoria & Albert Museum and National Galleries of Scotland will have to pay Fine Art Investments as much as £100,000 after struggling to raise the £7.6 million needed to match the Americans' purchase price.

Fine Art Investments, which bought the sculpture in 1983, was awaiting a licence to export it to the Getty Museum in California when Stephen Dorrell, the Heritage Secretary, decided in August to extend the deadline for granting a licence, allowing the British museums more time to raise the necessary money. Yesterday Lords Justices Neill, Hoffmann and Henry rejected the Getty Museum's argument that Mr Dorrell acted unlawfully and unreasonably.

The museums must prove to the Heritage Department by November 5 that they have raised the money. The V&A said that it did not believe the interest payments to be "a major stumbling block".

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Doubts over GCSE grades prompt call for testing vigilance

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

GCSE examination boards were ordered last night to take urgent action to safeguard standards after government advisers cast doubt on the value of grades awarded to tens of thousands of candidates this summer.

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, demanded that procedures for all subjects be tightened immediately to guarantee consistent grading between the five boards.

In a move indicating the scale of doubts surrounding the policing of GCSEs, Mrs Shephard also announced a review to consider ways of cutting the number of rival syllabuses offered by the boards in English, mathematics and science from 1998.

Mrs Shephard's intervention followed the interim findings of an investigation by the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority into "apparent discrepancies" between boards in the number of pupils awarded grades B and C in mathematics and science this summer. There was a 51 per cent increase in the proportion of entries achieving a grade B in combined science and a 44 per cent rise in mathematics.

The inquiry focused on two boards, the Southern Examining Group and the University of London Examinations and Assessment Council, where the increase in grade Bs was significantly higher.

Sir Ron Dearing, chairman of the authority, said in an interim report that after taking factors raised by examiners into account, there remained "differential increases between groups which in some cases exceeded the normal variations".

However, while conducting the investigation, officials grew concerned that "variations in examination style, marking arrangements and the emphases placed on the different kinds of evidence when grade boundaries are set make consistency of standards across syllabuses and examining groups hard to guarantee and demonstrate". This task was complicated further by the number of syllabuses on offer.

The authority found that a new code of practice, introduced this year to answer serious concerns raised by government inspectors in 1992, was being interpreted differently by the boards. Sir Ron said: "These procedural uncertainties were not helpful at a time of intensive activity."

Mrs Shephard responded by announcing a series of measures to be introduced in time for examinations next month taken by up to 250,000 candidates. They include strengthening the rules for determining grades are clear, consistent and robust, and improving communications between examining groups.

The grades of pupils who took mathematics and science examinations with the two boards under investigation will stand whatever the outcome of the inquiry.

Rules on sacking help bad teachers

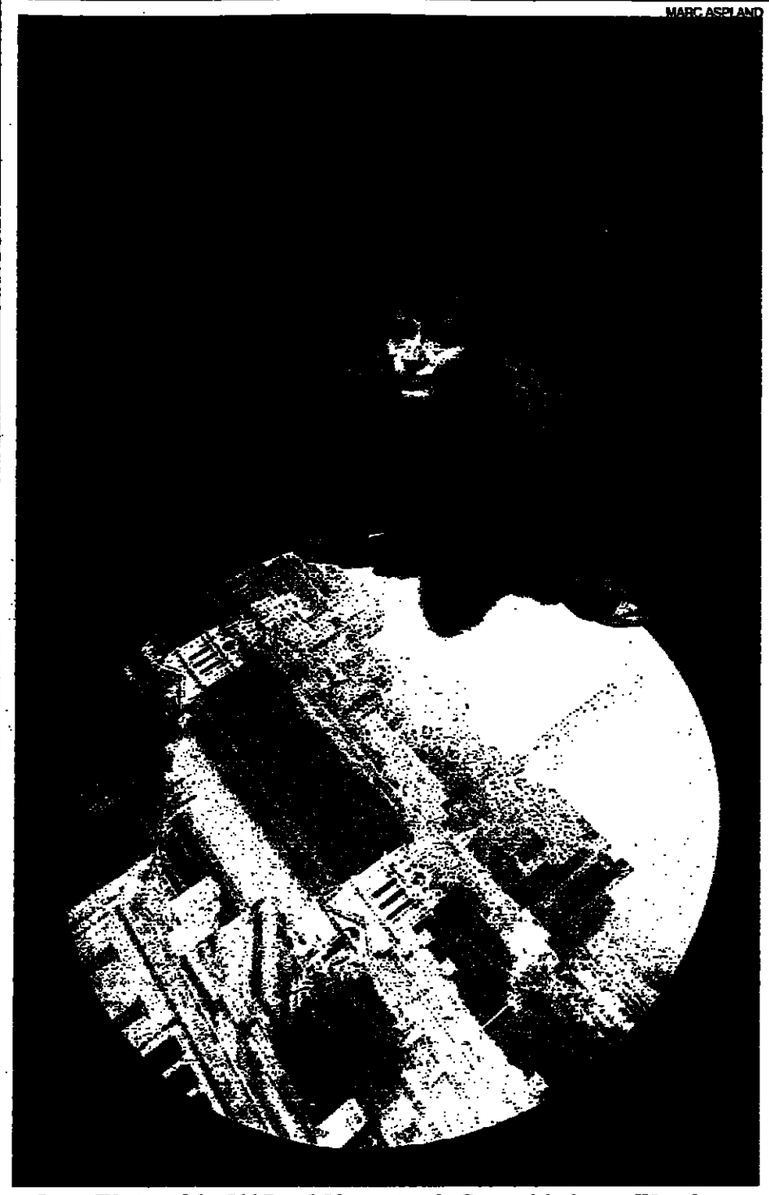
BY OUR EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

HEAD teachers wanting to sack incompetent staff are being frustrated by cumbersome procedures that can drag on for two years, a survey published today says.

Seven out of ten secondary schools say they have at least one incompetent teacher and five out of ten want to take action. The survey found, however, that almost half of these are put off by the complicated procedures.

The findings follow a warning by Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, that the education of thousands of pupils is being jeopardised by bad teachers. Inspectors estimate that almost one in three lessons in state schools is unsatisfactory. Incompetency procedures vary between local authorities, but they generally start with counselling and informal advice about improving performance. This is followed by formal verbal and written warnings, against which the teacher may appeal, and the involvement of outside inspectors before a decision is reached.

The survey, based on interviews with 50 head teachers for the Channel 4 programme *Class Action*, to be broadcast tonight, found that many teachers accused of incompetence took early retirement before proceedings started against them.



MARC ASPLAND

Laura Weston of the Old Royal Observatory in Greenwich shows off London's only *camera obscura*, which opens to the public today. The "dark room" allows observers to see outside vistas in exceptional colour on a viewing table

Stonyhurst joins ban on rubella vaccination

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A SECOND Roman Catholic school has dropped out of the Government's German measles vaccination programme on moral grounds.

The Jesuit-run Stonyhurst College has joined Ampleforth in deciding that it will not participate in the anti-rubella campaign because the vaccine was originally cultured from cells taken from an aborted foetus.

On Monday when the 400 pupils return to Stonyhurst near Clitheroe, Lancashire, after half-term they will be offered a measles-only injection bought privately by the school. It will also be offered to the 120 boys in the college's prep school, St Mary's. Apart from six girls in the sixth form, Stonyhurst is an all-boys school.

Wilfred Usher, deputy head, said the decision had been taken by Dr Giles Mercer, the headmaster, who had instructed medical staff not to offer the vaccination "following confirmation that the vaccine was cultured from an aborted foetus".

The decision by Stonyhurst and the Benedictine-run Ampleforth is opposed to advice from the Roman Catholic bishops' conference of England and Wales. A briefing paper on the vaccine was prepared for Bishop Christopher Budd, chairman of the department for Christian responsibility, which said that parents "can be assured that there is no general obligation to refuse permission. Consenting does not condone abortion."

The paper acknowledged that some people might take "a prophetic stand" against accepting any benefit from an abortion and were entitled to refuse the vaccination.

Britain to deport Kurdish leader

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

A LEADER of a Kurdish guerrilla movement is to be deported after being arrested at Westminster on his way to meet a Labour MP and a peer.

The Government was last night trying to find a third country willing to accept Kani Yilmaz rather than return him to Turkey where he was wanted for questioning. Mr Yilmaz, chief spokesman in Europe for the PKK, which is fighting a guerrilla campaign against the Turkish authorities for Kurdish independence, was being held in Rochester prison, Kent. Immigration officers yesterday served him with a deportation order. The Home Office said: "He is being deported because his presence is not conducive to the public good, and in the interests of national security."

Mr Yilmaz, who arrived in Britain legally on Sunday, was on his way to meet John Austin-Walker, MP for Woolwich, and Lord Avebury, the Liberal Democrat peer, when he was arrested on Wednesday night. There were protests outside Charing Cross police station and Paddington Green station where Mr Yilmaz was held.



Yilmaz: was on way to meeting at Parliament

Bug linked to stunted growth

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

GIRLS infected with a common stomach bacterium suffer from stunted growth, a study of 500 Edinburgh children has shown.

Helicobacter pylori is already linked to ulcers, gastritis and gastric cancer. Now a team from St George's Hospital Medical School in London has shown that infection with the bacterium causes a loss of growth of up to an inch over four years.

The survey also produced evidence that the children were catching the bacterium at school, Dr Praful Patel of St George's said yesterday. "We know that once you catch the bacterium, you have it for life," he said. "We know about its links to ulcers, but now we have shown that it can have effects outside the stomach as well."

The study looked at 554 children from 30 Edinburgh primary schools, measuring height at age 7 and 11, and detecting the presence of the bacterium in saliva. It found that 11 per cent of the children were infected, and that they tended to come from the poorest and most overcrowded homes, or go to schools serving council estates.

Dr Patel said infection with *H pylori* was often acquired by the age of 10, and it remained in the stomach for decades. The results of the study, published in the *British Medical Journal*, show that school is a more likely place of infection than home.

When the heights of the children were measured, girls with the infection had grown significantly less than the uninfected ones. Boys showed a smaller effect, but Dr Patel suspects this may be because the girls were infected just before puberty.

H pylori can be eliminated by using a cocktail of three drugs, but the perfect therapy has yet to be devised. Dr Patel said the question of eradicating the bug in children needed to be carefully considered.

"We have to decide who to treat, when to treat them and what drugs to use. Treating them too early would probably mean they would be re-infected, and we still haven't got a magic drug that will eliminate the bacterium in every case."

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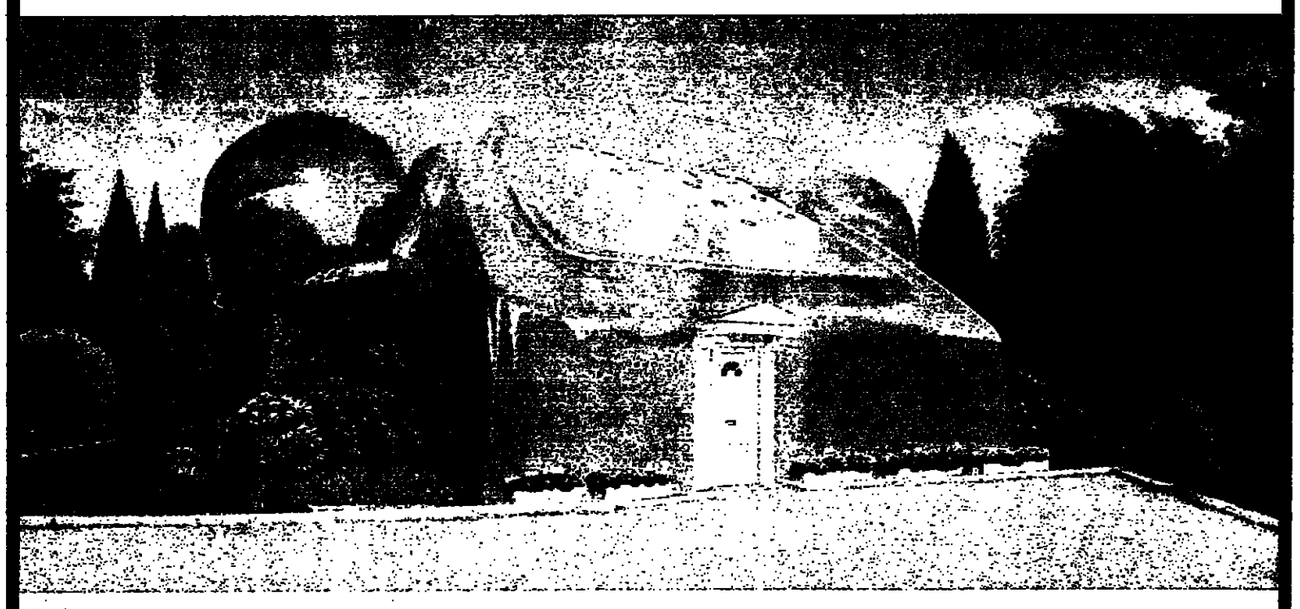
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Passenger sues over tie that went awry



Roach: "Horribly embarrassed" about tie incident

By Joe Joseph

BRITISH Rail yesterday escaped being dunned in court for £700,000 in damages. Its crime? A passenger thought that a ticket seller had overstepped the mark when, uninvited, he leant over and straightened the passenger's tie.

The case at Coventry County Court was brought by Ion Roach, 67, of Coventry, who claimed that the BR clerk had impudently assaulted him. The trouble started when Mr Roach reached the ticket counter of Coventry Station last year. His lime green and buff polyester tie — which less lenient judges might think criminally provocative in itself — was reversed. The counter clerk helpfully adjusted it.

Mr Roach, who is blind in his right eye, told Judge John Wilson: "The clerk was strangely silent. After he handed me my ticket and receipt he disappeared from my sight and started fumbling at my throat and said something like 'Let me.'"

Mr Roach thanked him and left without complaint. But he told yesterday's hearing: "It affected me terribly. I was horribly embarrassed. I am not accustomed to physical contact."

John Goodband, the tie-straightening clerk who has worked for BR for 14 years, told the court: "I noticed his tie was reversed and asked if he was aware it was. He smiled and continued to stand in front of me and did not say anything. At the same time I leaned forward and straightened his tie. It was all over in a split second. He said 'Thank you' and said he had had trouble with the tie since he bought it."

Gary Thornett, for the defence, said that Mr Roach had originally claimed £700,000 damages in the High Court, but the case had been transferred to the County Court. He asked Mr Roach why he had not complained at the time. Mr Roach replied that he was too shocked.

Judge Wilson dismissed the case, awarding costs against Mr Roach. "There is no doubt," he said, "that Mr Goodband adjusted the tie. The dispute is about consent. The plaintiff's case fails to establish there was a trespass against the person. There was implied consent and at the time he was not upset."

Mr Roach now wants to appeal. After the hearing, he said: "I think the clerk was impudent. It was an infringement of my personal space."



Goodband: adjusted Mr Roach's reversed tie

Judge in threat to subpoena Bottomley

By Richard Duce

A JUDGE threatened yesterday to seek the court appearance of Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, to explain why no hospital bed can be found for a mentally handicapped kidnapper.

Judge Laughland, QC, said he was scandalised at the present lack of care for Stephen Hart, 34, and that unless a secure hospital bed was found for him in the next fortnight he would take "such steps in my power" to bring Mrs Bottomley to court to explain why. The judge said at the Old Bailey: "The situation we are now in is a disgrace. Here is a man in need of secure care and it is outrageous that the resources are not available to provide what the public requires for their protection and what he needs for treatment."

Hart, from Stepney, east London, was convicted of abducting an eight-year-old boy and holding him captive in a wardrobe for two days.

The judge, before whom Hart appeared yesterday for sentence, said: "Unless this problem is sorted out within two weeks I shall require the attendance of the Secretary of State to explain to me. It's a bold move but I think the situation demands it."

Vandals force halt to free bike plan

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

A FREE bicycle scheme in the university town of St Andrews in Fife has been abandoned after more than 100 bicycles were stolen or vandalised.

The "green bike" scheme was introduced in 1992 in an attempt to prevent bicycle theft. Cyclists could pick up the free bicycles from racks in the town and return them after use. It was the first scheme of its kind in Scotland and was modelled on a project in Amsterdam. Another similar scheme in Cambridge was abandoned last year after thefts and vandalism.

The first 70 bicycles disappeared in St Andrews in a matter of months. Some were kept by their users, others were vandalised and many were dumped in streams or in the harbour.

In August 40 more bicycles were made available but they disappeared within days. WPC Thora Togher said: "It's a great pity the scheme has not worked but you cannot keep feeding the lion. A few people are determined to spoil the scheme."

While the scheme was in operation, bicycle thefts reported by members of the public fell from 184 to 129 over a year.

Mum gave her enough advice to fill a backpack. "Remember your sun-cream. Don't drink the water. Take good care of yourself."

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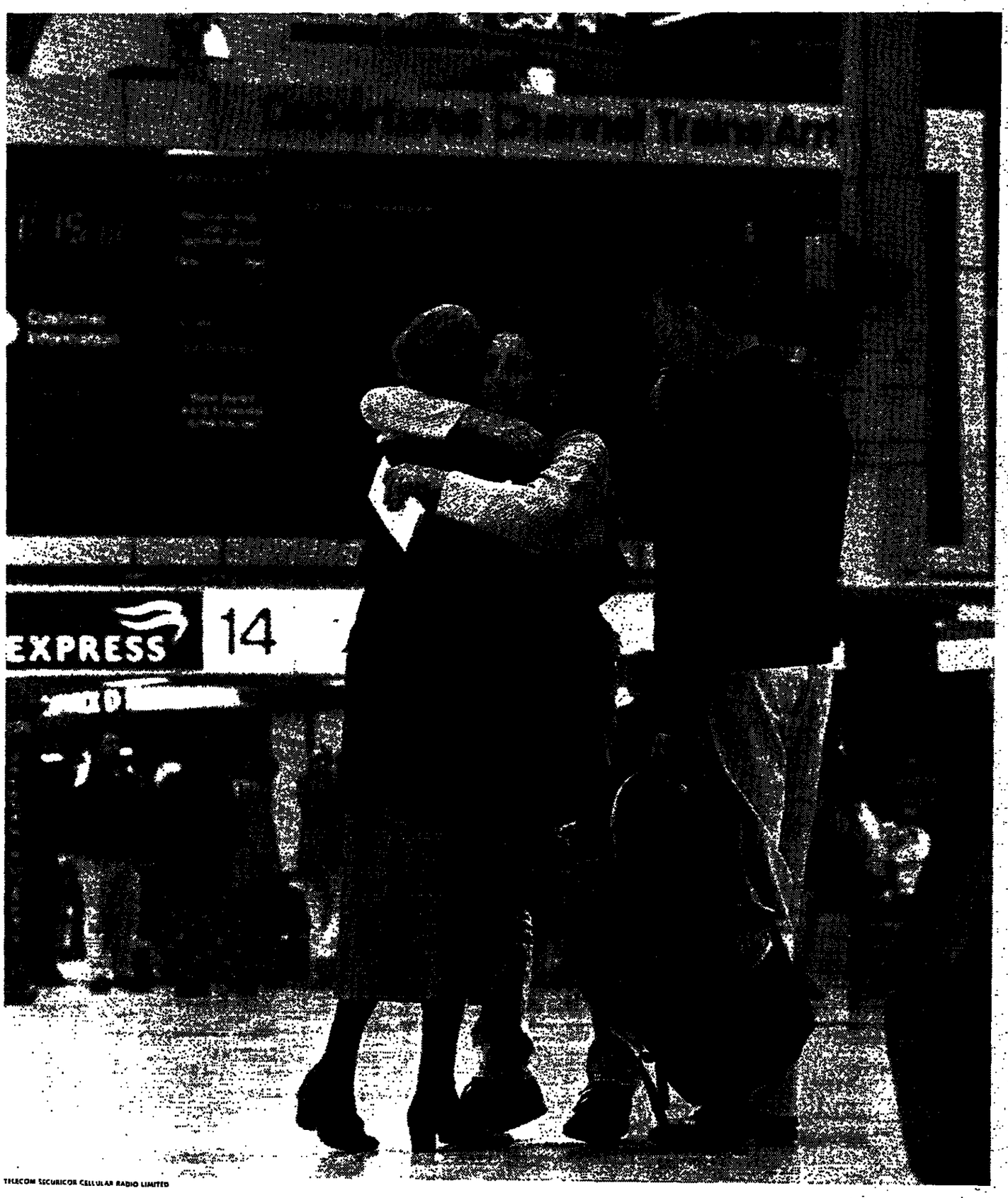
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	♠QJ ♥K4 ♦Q632 ♣AQ985	
♠10842 ♥QJ10872 ♦94 ♣6		♠K765 ♥A963 ♦5 ♣K1042
	♠A93 ♥5 ♦AKJ1087 ♣J73	

W	N	E	S
	1NT (1)	Pass	3♦
Pass	4♣ (2)	Pass	5♦ (3)
All pass			

Opening lead: ♥Q

(1) Weak NT (12-14 points)
(2) A so-called "advance cue bid". If North could not support diamonds he would sign off in 3NT. Hence when he bids Four Clubs he implies he has diamond support and is showing the ace of clubs.
(3) Sign-off: He does not have enough for a slam try.

By Robert Sheehan
Bridge Correspondent

When this hand was played at TGR's Bridge Club, North, East and South all played low on the first trick. West continued hearts, and the declarer ruffed East's ace. After drawing trumps he played a club to the queen and king.

When East returned a low spade, South was in a quandry. Eventually he put up the ace of spades and when the clubs failed to break went one down.

What South should do after drawing trumps is to play ace of clubs and a low club. He will then know whether the clubs will provide four tricks before having to make a decision on the spade suit. As the cards lie, he will take the spade finesse to make his contract.

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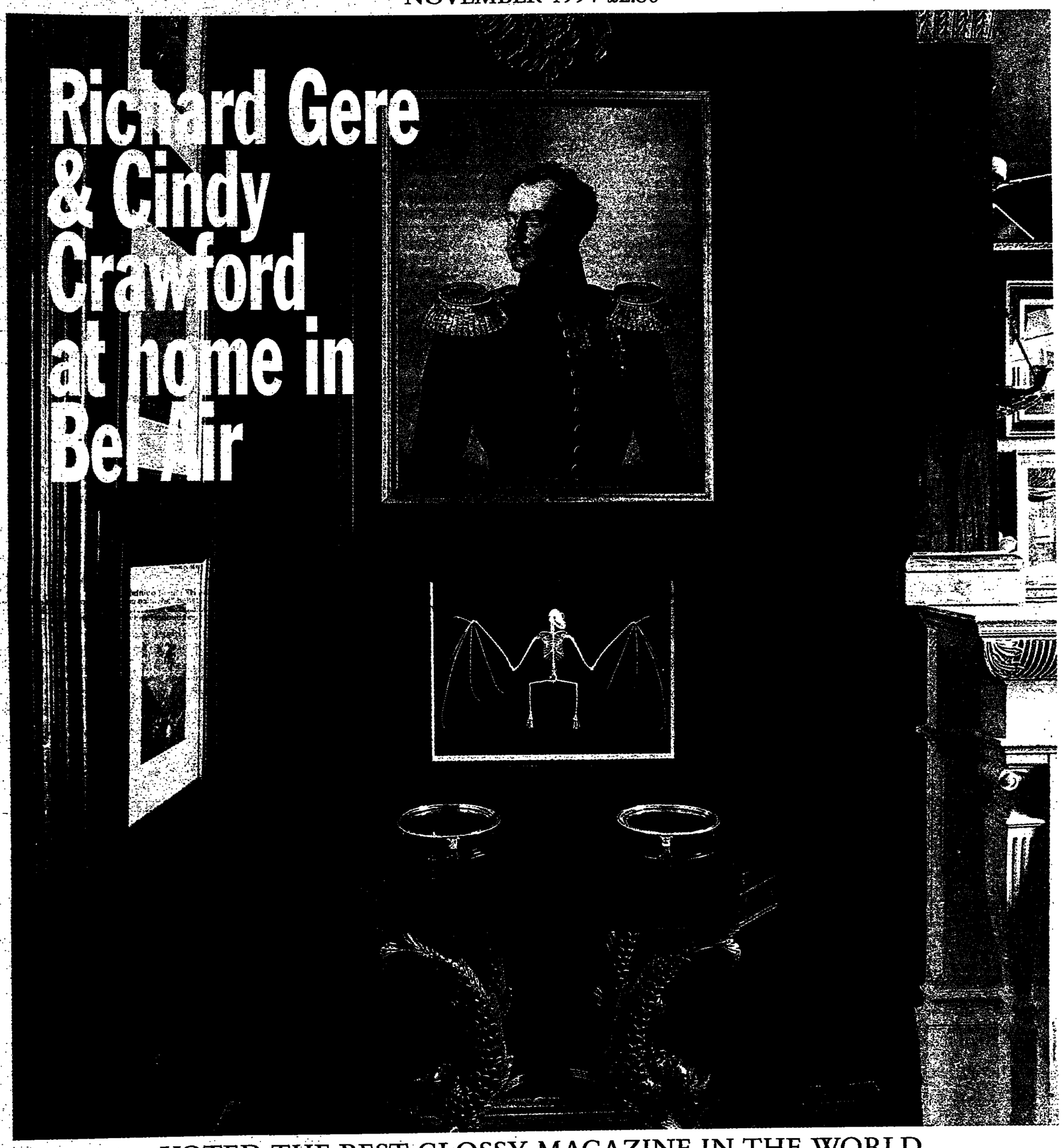
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Legal reform could declare Latin phrases ultra vires

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

PROPOSALS to streamline procedures under which the public can challenge government and local authority decisions in court were unveiled by the Law Commission yesterday. They include replacing Latin terms with English.

The report recommends that the names of remedies sought under judicial review should no longer be mandamus, prohibition or certiorari, but mandatory, restraining and quashing orders. It says that although it was recognised that there were limits in the extent to which legal terminology could be made accessible to lay people, it was desirable that it should be as understandable as possible.

Professor Jack Beatson, in charge of the commission's study of judicial review procedures, said at a press conference in London he thought that there might be some criticism of the recommendation to end the use of Latin terms.

He said: "Certiorari is a word which most law students cannot even pronounce, let alone understand. I suspect the commission might get some flak for introducing trendy language, but I think it is an important part of making law more accessible."

Asked whether the commission should have introduced plainer English terms, he said: "We may not have gone far, but that is as far as we were prepared to go."

The commission suggests another measure aimed at modernising the process. It wants to change the existing terms, in which people "seek leave" for judicial review, and call it "preliminary consultation" because the present language creates an impression that the public are supplicants before the law.

In an effort to speed up the initial phase of judicial review, the commission recommends that judges should deal with the matter on paper rather than in oral hearings. It also suggests that at the preliminary phase judges should be given a new power to "request information" from local authorities and governments to help to clarify issues.



Beatson: making the law more accessible

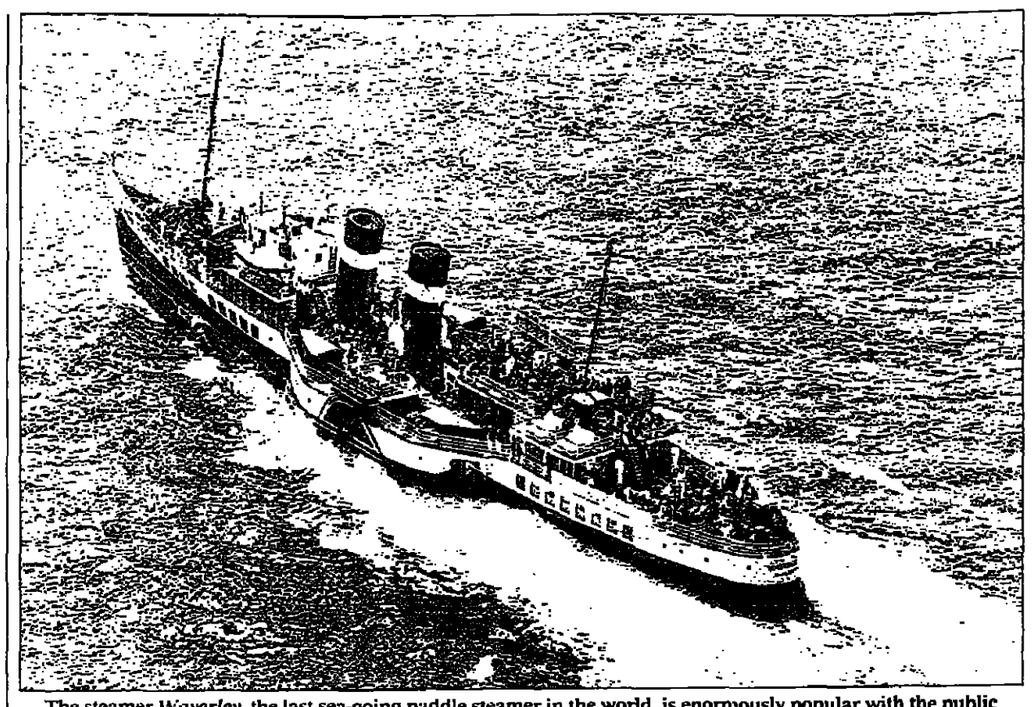
The commission also wants it made clear that the judicial review is open to pressure groups as well as individuals.

Demands for change have increased as the judiciary has struggled to cope with the growth of legal challenges to government. There were 525 applications in 1980 for leave to bring judicial review proceedings, 2,439 in 1992 and 2,886 last year. In the first seven months of this year there were 1,851 applications for leave, which compared with 1,725 for the same period in 1993.

When the commission began its work two years ago there was concern over delays. However, waiting times for a hearing before a single judge dropped from two to one year in 1993-94 and in the divisional court from 10.2 months to 7.3 months.

☐ Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, is to publish a consultation paper next month aimed at preventing wealthy people obtaining a fortune in legal aid to fight criminal and civil cases. He said: "The money available for legal aid is not limitless and one of my objectives is that it should be targeted to those whose need is greatest."

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The steamer *Waverley*, the last sea-going paddle steamer in the world, is enormously popular with the public

A new chance to sail the Severn Sea

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

FERRIES will be criss-crossing the Bristol Channel again soon under plans to cut car use and boost tourism.

The scheme's backers — civic societies, local authorites and development agencies — believe that restoring regular passenger services on the "Severn Sea" is economically feasible and environmentally attractive.

Philip Beisly, of the Civic Trust, said yesterday that restoring regular services across the channel, from the mouth of the Avon to north Devon, would also restore water links between coastal communities that have existed since prehistoric times. The trust believes the scheme could revitalise Severn coastal towns and cities while helping to secure coastal monuments such as piers and harbours.

The project, being studied by consultants appointed by the backers, has the support of more than 30 councils, tourist boards and development bodies. They include Cardiff City Council, the Welsh Tourist Board, the Cardiff Bay Development Corporation, Avon County Council and Woodspring District Council in Somerset.

Mr Beisly said they had been prompted to try to restore Severn estuary routes after the success of the paddle steamer *Waverley*, the last sea-going paddle steamer in the world, which is operated by the Paddle Steamer Preservation Society. It operates around the British coastline and was hugely popular when last in the Bristol Channel.

Restoring old routes could revive the heyday of the steamer. Between the wars they plied between ports such as Tenby, Swansea, Ilfracombe, Clovelly, Porthcawl, Cardiff, Newport, Clevedon and Weston-super-Mare.

***The last regular service in the Channel* is believed to have disappeared in the 1960s, victim of improved road links such as the Severn bridge. Backers believe that new technology in ferries means boats will operate faster and more efficiently than in the past.**

NEWS IN BRIEF

Boys stoned swan 'just for a laugh'

Two boys aged 12 and 14 stoned a young swan to death "just for a laugh", a court was told. Magistrates in Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, heard that the children threw stones at the bird before dropping a brick on its head from a canal bridge.

David Cooper, for the prosecution, said it was unusual for the RSPCA to prosecute juveniles, but it did so because the case was so serious. The boys, from Melton, were given a conditional discharge and their parents were ordered to pay £200 costs.

Fatal crash

Emily Fowler, 67, of Grasmere, Cumbria, and her granddaughter, Holly Fowler, 5, of Keswick, died in a head-on crash with a lorry. Mrs Fowler's husband James, 68, was in a critical condition in the Royal Lancaster Infirmary after the crash at Bolton-le-Sands.

Speed trap

Rally car engineers are helping to produce the latest generation of 140mph police cars. A modified Ford Escort RS Cosworth is undergoing trials with Humberside Police, who hope its acceleration — from 0mph to 60mph in 5.7 seconds — will deter joyriders who steal 50 cars a day.

Father killed

Carl Mason, 26, was fatally injured in a car accident on his way to see his newborn daughter. Mr Mason, of Millom, Cumbria, died in Furness General Hospital in Barrow, a few wards away from his wife Bernadette and their baby. Their other daughter Julie, 4, was also in the car.

WPC dies

A police officer died after a training session with the long-handled baton at the Peel Centre, Hendon. WPC Gail Pirnie, 42, had been with the Metropolitan Police for 20 years. A post-mortem examination will be carried out.

D-Day honour

Ted Eaglen, 69, of Boston, Lincolnshire, has finally received the Military Medal he won on D-Day in 1944, after it was initially awarded to another man with a similar sounding name.

Heroin death

William Grattan Brittain, 29, was found dead in a Bangkok bedsit of a heroin overdose. He is the son of Roger Brittain, a former diplomat.

Washed away

Three hundred tons of sand put down to form a new bathing beach at Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, disappeared when the tide came in.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Queen sacrifice

The prize for best game of the recent Guernsey international tournament went to the following game, capped with a splendid bishop and queen sacrifice to force checkmate.

White: Swan
Black: Molet
Guernsey International, October 1994

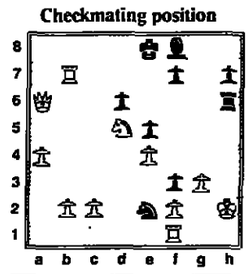
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3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	e5
6	Ndb5	d6
7	Bg5	a6
8	Na3	b5
9	Bxf6	gxf6
10	Nd5	f5
11	Bxb5	axb5
12	Nxb5	Qg5
13	0-0	Rg8
14	g3	Rb8
15	a4	f4
16	Ra3	Bg4
17	Qd3	Rg6
18	Rb3	Rc8
19	Nbc7+	Rxc7
20	Nxc7+	ke7
21	Nd5+	ke8
22	Rb7	Nd4
23	Qa6	Ne2–
24	kg2	Bf3+
25	kxf3	Qh5+

and White resigned on account of the following variation

26	kg2	f3+
27	kh1	Qxh2+
28	Kxh2	Rh6 mate

Checkmating position



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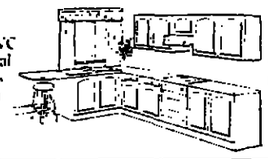
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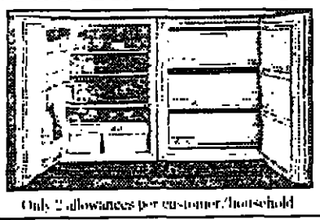


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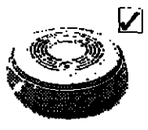
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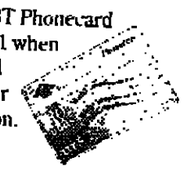
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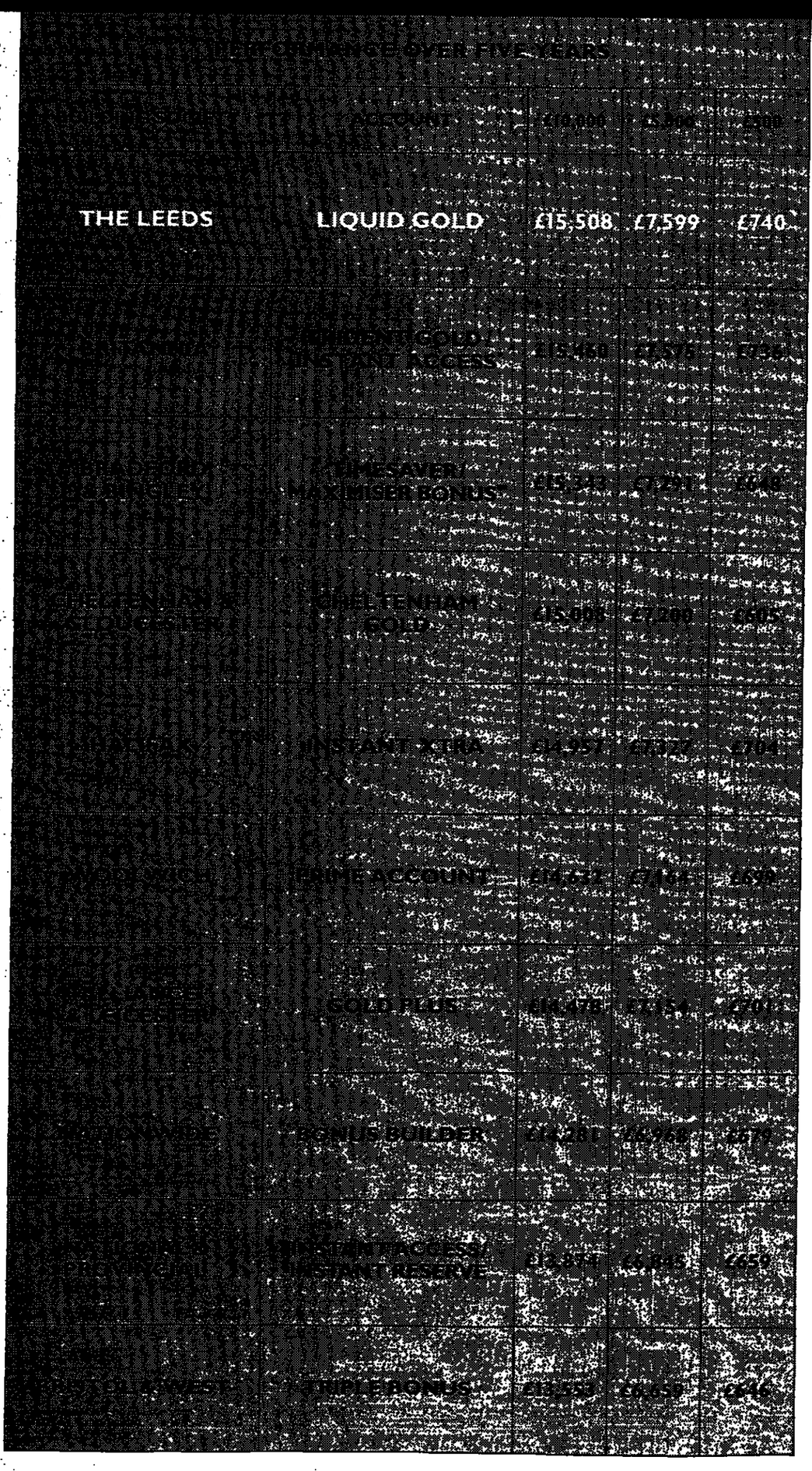
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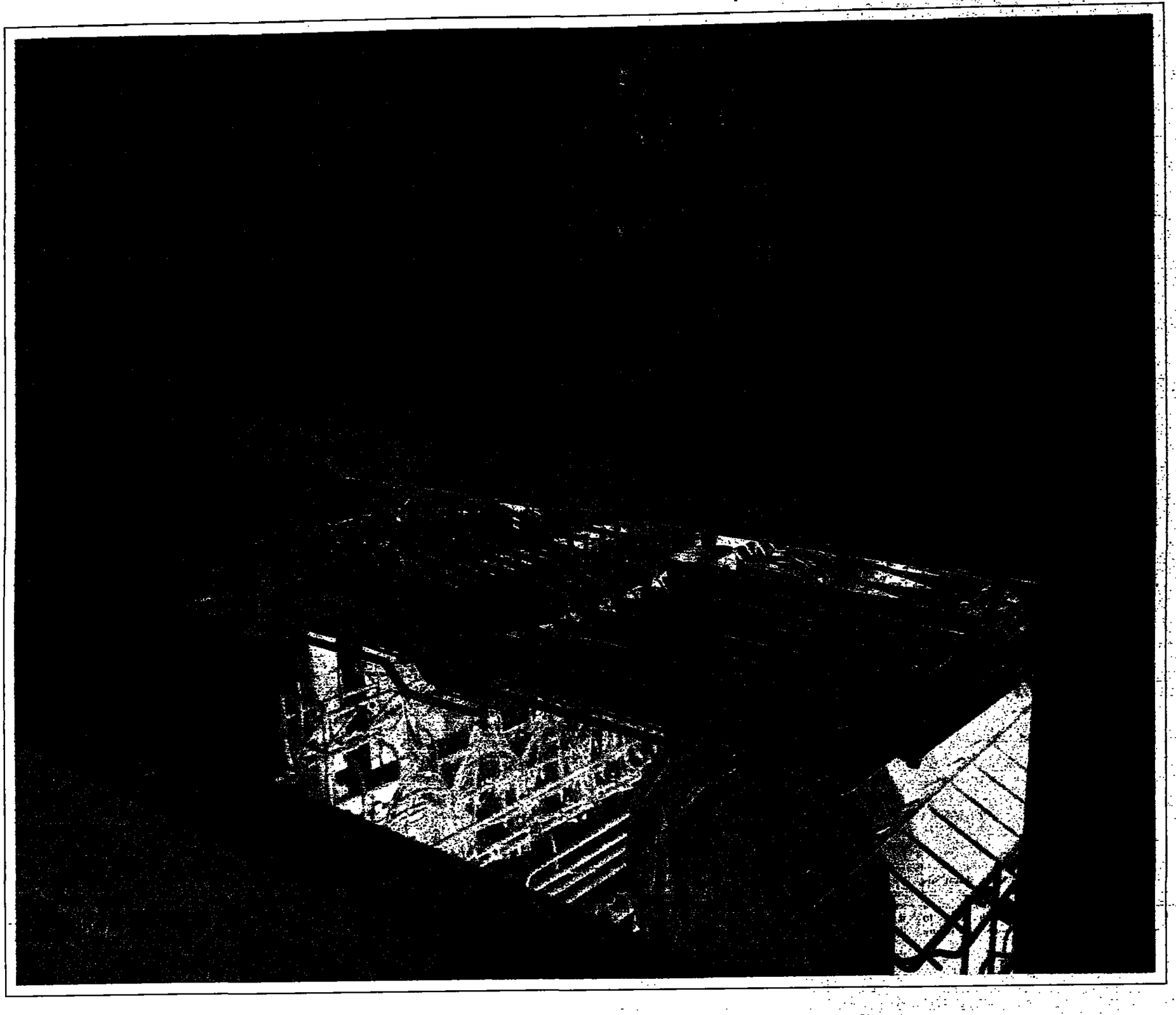
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Poll shows Lib Dems slipping and Tories struggling to recover lost ground

Blair raises Labour to new height of popularity

BY PETER RIDDELL

LABOUR has risen to its highest ever opinion poll rating as the Blair effect has squeezed support for the Liberal Democrats down to its lowest level since January last year.

The latest MORI poll for *The Times*, undertaken between last Friday and Monday, shows that support for Labour has risen ten points since John Smith died in May and speculation began about the election of Tony Blair. Over the same period support for the Liberal Democrats has dropped by nine points.

Labour now stands at a record 57 per cent, up three points over the past month, while the Tories have remained unchanged on 25 per cent and the Liberal Democrats have slipped three points to 14 per cent. This compares with the Liberal Democrats' vote share of 18 per cent at the general election.

This shift reflects the big impact which Mr Blair made at the Labour conference three weeks ago and the impression of confusion and division at the Liberal Democrat conference in mid-September.

Like other pollsters, MORI now adjusts its figures to take account of the tendency of Tory supporters not to state their voting intentions. If the current "don't knows" are adjusted by reported votes at the 1992 general election, the Tory share of the vote emerges four points higher at 29 per cent, with Labour four points lower at 53 per cent. The Liberal Democrat share is unchanged on 14 per cent.

Mr Blair's personal rating has risen to by far the highest level for any Labour leader since the party lost office in May 1979. His approval index, which shows the satisfied proportion minus the dissatisfied proportion, stands at plus 27 points, compared with plus 14 points at the end of September. It is well above the level Mr Smith managed during almost two years of leadership.

The post-conference boost for Mr Blair is the largest for any Labour leader apart from Neil Kinnock in 1985 and 1986, when his rating was improved by his attack on the hard-left party leadership in Liverpool.

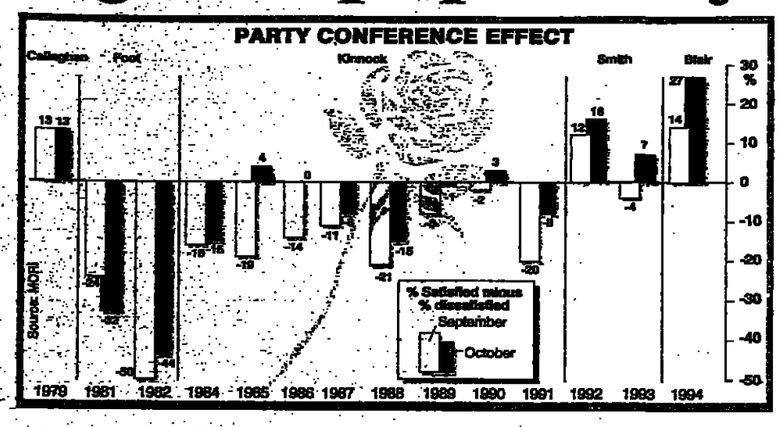
Mr Blair's rating is least favourable among those aged 55 to 64, the unskilled working-class and the unemployed. Working-class trade union members approve of his performance by a 3½ to 1 margin.

The special questions on party image this month show that Mr Blair has helped to change the way that people view the party as a whole. For instance, since March the proportion saying that Labour will promise anything to win votes has dropped from 34 to 27 per cent, the lowest level for more than a decade.

The number believing that Labour has a good team of leaders has risen from 14 to 21 per cent, while those believing that the party understands the problems facing Britain has risen from 30 to 36 per cent. There have also been increases in the number believing that the party represents all classes, has sensible policies and is concerned about the people in real need in Britain. Fewer people regard Labour as divided than at any time over the past decade.

By contrast, the Liberal Democrats' image has slipped, along with its rating, as fewer people believe the party has sensible policies, or understands the problems facing Britain. Paddy Ashdown's personal rating has, however, remained positive, though it is less favourable than it was earlier this year. He is also still regarded positively by Liberal Democrat supporters, by a margin of six to one.

□ *MORI interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,836 adults at 141 constituency sampling points across Britain. Interviews were conducted face-to-face on October 20 to 24. Data were weighted to match the profile of the population. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (7 per cent), are undecided (7 per cent) or refuse to name a party (3 per cent).*





Ashdown: personal rating still positive



SIMON WALKER

Mr Blair at the party conference. His performance there boosted his lead in the polls

MPs stall intake of Labour's new whips

JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR'S intention to promote high-flyers from the 1992 intake via the whips' office led to a row within the Labour Party last night.

Mr Blair was expected to announce the appointment of six of the brightest MPs of the 1992 intake to the Opposition whips' office yesteray. Labour leaders made clear on Wednesday that most new MPs would in future need a spell in the whips' office before moving to front-bench jobs. It is the same route to high office used by the Tories.

However, senior Labour whips were appalled at the way that Mr Blair appeared to be handling the appointments. They were said to be incensed by the suggestion that those already in the whips' office, who include several long-serving MPs, would not be destined for the front bench.

"There are several people in the whips' office who would make much better frontbenchers than those who have reportedly got jobs from the 1992 intake," an insider said. There was concern that too many modernisers were to be appointed, with little balance from the Left.

The row has delayed the announcement of the final stage of Mr Blair's reshuffle of his front bench until Monday. He is expected to go ahead with most of the planned appointments but at least two extra MPs were added to the list yesterday afternoon.

Tessa Jowell, Peter Mandelson, Barbara Roche, Geoff Hoon, Stephen Byers are still expected to be appointed as whips on Monday. Eric Clarke, 61, formerly general secretary of the Scottish National Union of Miners, and George Mudie, a former Nupe official, were the two added to the list. Negotiations were continuing last night.

There is also concern, even among those tipped for promotion, that the 1992 "invasion" of the whips office would be seen as a "task force" intent on transforming an ineffective operation.

TODAY IN PARLIAMENT

Commons (9.30): Debate on inward investment.

Law and order concern grows

MORE people are concerned about law and order than at any time over the past decade, according to the MORI poll.

The number of people mentioning law and order as among the most important issues facing Britain today has risen over the past month to 37 per cent, compared with 33 per cent previously.

This is roughly double the level of mentions from mid-1989 until early last year. The greatest level of concern about law and order is among people aged 55 to 64, those living in northern England and supporters of the Conservative Party.

The increase in mentions coincides with a period of greater government activism on law and order as Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, has outlined a series of initiatives and two big Bills, on criminal justice and the police, have gone through Parliament.

Unemployment remains top of the list of public concerns, mentioned by just over 60 per cent of the public, with the health service in third place, followed by education and the economy. Despite all the political and media attention given to Northern Ireland, barely 3 per cent regard it as among the most important issues facing Britain.

Major's personal rating revived

JOHN MAJOR'S personal approval rating has risen to its highest level for 18 months, though the public remains very dissatisfied with the Government's performance and the Tories' rating is still only bouncing along the bottom (Peter Riddell writes).

The latest MORI poll for *The Times* was taken as the latest flurry of allegations about sleaze broke and in the run-up to Neil Hamilton's resignation on Tuesday.

The poll suggests that the public has formed a firm view of the Government that will be hard to change. That is borne out by the special questions on party image asked this month. Voters took an unfavourable view of the Tory party after sterling's departure from the European exchange-rate mechanism in 1992 and there has been little change in their assessment since then.

The recent divergence in the public's view of Mr Major personally and the Tories generally follows the widespread praise for the Prime Minister's handling of Northern Ireland and for his speech to the Tory conference two weeks ago.

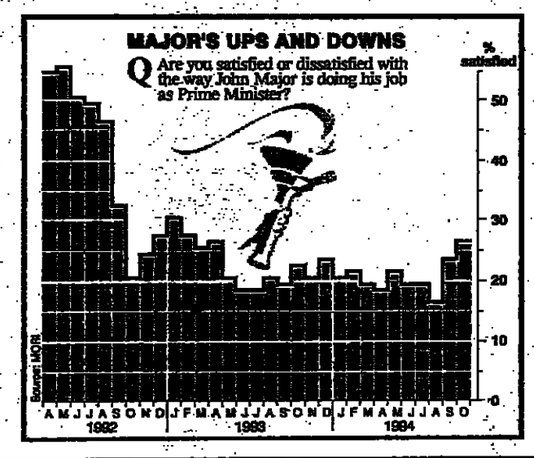
Mr Major's net approval rating, measuring those satisfied minus those dissatisfied with the way he is doing his job, has shifted sharply in the past two months, from a record minus 59 points to minus 39 points. His rating was last at this level 18 months ago. Mr Major's standing has improved particularly among Tory supporters. In late August, Tory supporters were split almost evenly about his performance, while they are now more than two to one in his favour.

But there has been no such big change in the public's view of the Government. Dissatisfaction with the way that it is running the country has dropped slightly since the summer, but the net balance, those satisfied less those dissatisfied, is still heavily negative at minus 65 points.

That may partly reflect the public's continued uncertainty about the state of the economy. The economic optimism index, measuring those who believe that the general economic condition of the country will improve rather than get worse over the next 12 months, is now minus five points, compared with minus nine points in late September. This is around the average level of recent months.

On the key measures of party image, the Tories are rated worse than Labour, and, on most counts, than the Liberal Democrats. For instance, only 15 per cent of the public believes that the Tories understand the problems facing Britain and only 6 per cent that the party represents all classes and looks after the interests of "people like us". Just 8 per cent believe the Tories are concerned about the people in real need in Britain, against 41 per cent for Labour and 20 per cent for the Liberal Democrats.

Half the public think the Tories will promise anything to win votes and two-fifths believe that the party is divided. On both measures, there has been a slight improvement since the questions were last asked in March. But otherwise the ratings have been virtually unchanged for two years.



Mayhew spells out need to keep troops in Ulster

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Army will keep troops in Ulster for as long as they are needed, Sir Patrick Mayhew said last night.

Launching the first Commons debate since the IRA declared its ceasefire eight weeks ago, the Northern Ireland Secretary said that the Government would take no risks by reducing security measures below what is needed to fight the perceived threat of renewed terrorism.

Sir Patrick gave a warning that the Government's assumption that the IRA's ceasefire was intended to be permanent would cease if the evidence started to point away from "a continuing commitment to exclusively democratic methods". He told MPs that people in Northern Ireland had become less disorientated and a lot less suspicious, but fear on all sides remained.

He said that he had to see to it that people in Northern Ireland got the best protection against terrorist crime that could practically be provided. In some areas it had been possible to reduce markedly the numbers of soldiers accompanying police patrols. Other changes included removal of flak jackets and helmets in some areas.

Sir Patrick emphasised: "It is not possible yet, or anything like it, for the Royal Ulster Constabulary to police the province without the assistance of the Army, but steps in that direction are beginning to be taken."

He added: "Nor has anything been reduced or discontinued that cannot very quickly be put back, should the situation be seen to require it once again." In particular, border crossings opened last week could be quickly closed again.

The fundamental point of the Government's response to the IRA ceasefire was that "we must not enter into substantive negotiations with people who may still intend to bring a gun or a bomb to the table with them." Sinn Fein and the IRA had sought to convey the impression that the ceasefire was permanent, but had not yet stated this quite unambiguously.

"That is why we have been very cautious. It is now recognised that we have been wise. If the IRA continues to show it has indeed ended its terrorism, then we shall be ready to convene those exploratory talks before the year is out. They will of course need to embrace the republicans' proposals for depositing and decommissioning their armaments."

Sir Patrick announced a £1 million fund to help the victims of violence in Northern Ireland, including those with physical disabilities, psychiatric problems and those needing bereavement counselling and support.

Marjorie Mowlam, the shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, reaffirmed Labour's commitment to a united Ireland by consent. "Consent, as has always been the case, is the crucial word here," she said. Labour would "seek to facilitate and encourage a balanced constitutional settlement" with the Government.

Sir James Kilfedder, Popular Unionist MP for Down North, said: "I hope people will not be disappointed with the slowness of the process but we have to build up confidence."

It was vital for the IRA to give up its explosives, detonators and other ammunition. "While such weapons of destruction remain there is little prospect of meaningful discussion," he said.

He also praised John Major, saying: "He deserves the plaudits of the people of this country as a man of vision and a man of honour."

Heseltine confident of winning PO battle

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Heseltine appears to be winning his battle to sell off the Royal Mail. An informal meeting of senior ministers yesterday agreed to continue work on the proposal with the aim of putting it to full Cabinet next week.

Afterwards, sources at Westminster said that the President of the Board of Trade's proposal to privatise 51 per cent of the Royal Mail had survived its third bout of ministerial scrutiny this week. One source said: "It's not dead. It's still alive."

A Commons motion opposing the sale has been signed by ten Tory MPs, enough to defeat the Government. But Mr Heseltine and his supporters believe that when the legislation is put to a vote, they will be able to persuade enough rebels to back down.

Next week the privatisation scheme is expected to go before a meeting of the Cabinet's committee on industrial, commercial and consumer affairs. If it passes that hurdle, it will be considered for inclusion in the Queen's Speech on November 16.

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Briton solves 350-year-old maths riddle at second try

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE world's most tantalising mathematical riddle may at last have met its match at the hands of a British-born mathematician who believed he had it solved last year.

Dr Andrew Wiles, who works at Princeton University, announced a solution to Fermat's Last Theorem at a conference in Cambridge in June 1993. The euphoria was short-lived. A puzzle that had defied proof for more than 350 years had a final trick up its sleeve.

By last autumn, Dr Wiles conceded that there were gaps in his proof, and retired to his attic to think again. This week, he announced that he had overcome the difficulties, and has sent copies of the 200-page proof to 20 colleagues.

The theory was scribbled in the margin of a book by the 17th-century French mathematician Pierre de Fermat,

$$x^n + y^n = z^n$$

who boasted that he had found a remarkable proof but the margin was too small to contain it. His theory was that it is impossible to resolve a cube into the sum of two cubes, a fourth power into the sum of two fourth powers, etc.

In algebraic terms, the theorem says that if n is a whole number greater than two, there is no solution to the equation x to the nth power plus y to the nth power equals z to the nth power. Though simple to state, the conjecture is enormously difficult to prove. Computers have shown that for numbers up to 125,000 Fermat was right but this is not the same as a proof.

Dr Wiles's proof lies in the realm of algebraic number theory. His work builds on previous results in the theory of geometric objects called elliptic curves, and in particular on a result obtained in 1986 which showed that Fermat's Last Theorem was true provided that the so-called Taniyama-Shimura-Weil Conjecture holds for a certain class of elliptic curves.

When he sent his paper to the journal *Inventiones Mathematicae*, however, referees spotted a gap in the argument. Now Dr Wiles believes he has cracked the problems and made his proof watertight. According to yesterday's *New York Times*, Dr Wiles, who worked at Cambridge before going to Princeton, credits another Cambridge mathematician, Dr Richard Taylor, for help in finding the answer.

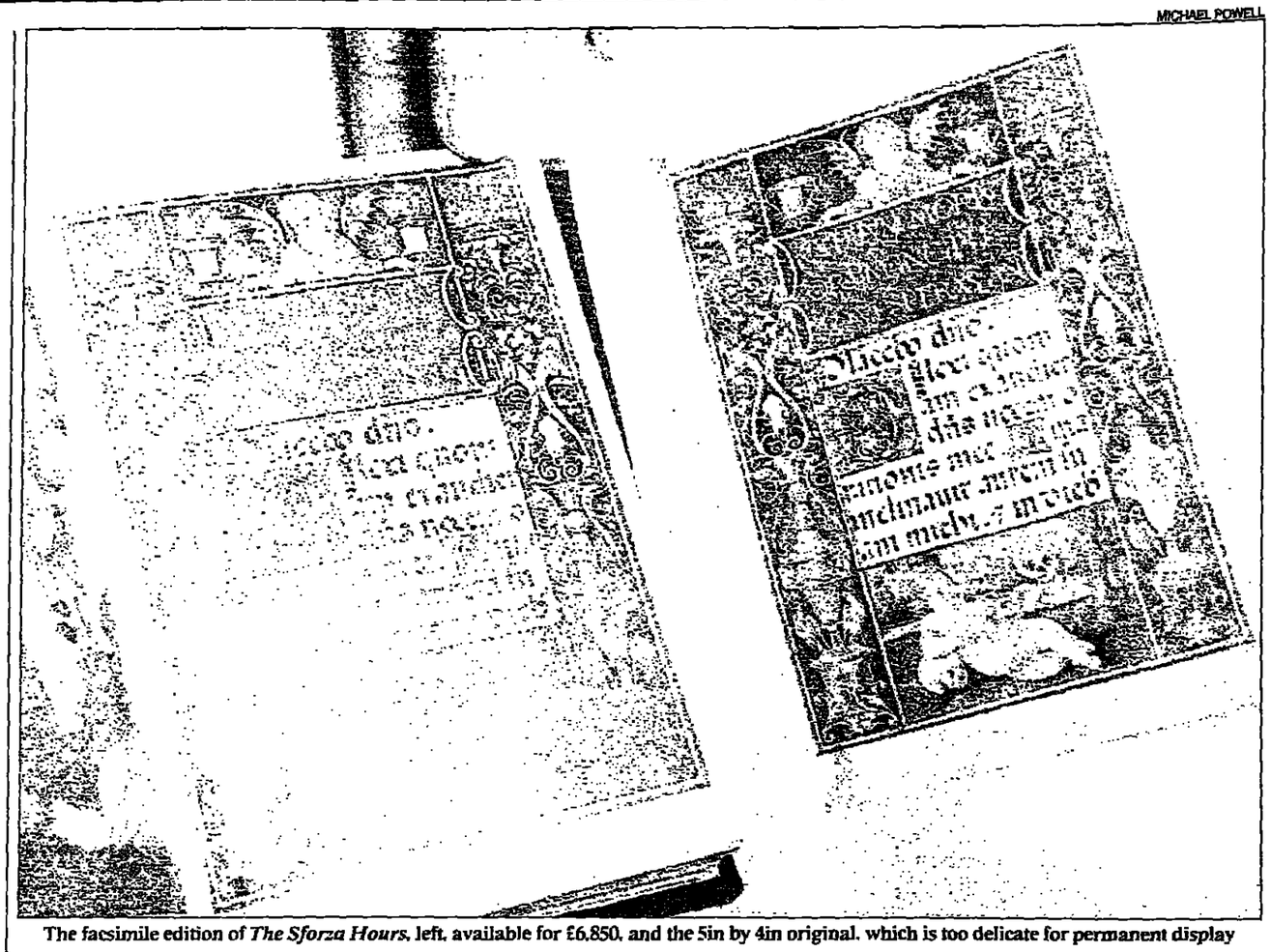
The proof has been confirmed by a small number of experts, a spokeswoman at Princeton said. It has been submitted to *Annals of Mathematics*, a Princeton-based scientific journal.

"This time everything seems OK," Simon Kochen, a Princeton mathematician said. "The proof has been done in very great detail and it looks very firm." But Dr Kenneth Ribet of the University of California at Berkeley said it would be months before the proof is analysed by enough mathematicians to be definitively pronounced right or wrong.



Wiles: believes he has resolved problems

MICHAEL POWELL



The facsimile edition of *The Sforza Hours*, left, available for £6,850, and the 5in by 4in original, which is too delicate for permanent display

Replica to stand in for illuminated masterpiece

BY DALYA ALBERGE
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE British Library has commissioned a facsimile of one of the finest Renaissance manuscripts in existence because the original, by two of the greatest illuminators of their day, is too delicate to be displayed permanently. The replica, almost indistinguishable from the original, reproduces every detail from gold leaf to stains from the artist's pigments.

The Sforza Hours, a prayer book measuring 5in by 4in and bulging with exquisite miniatures, is the work of two masters from two different schools, Giovan Pietro Birago of the Italian Renaissance who is virtually unknown today, and Gerard Horenbout, the Northern Renaissance master.

The copies have been made by fine Art Facsimile of Switzerland using a special colour process and 979 copies of the four-volume set are on sale for £6,850.

The manuscript goes on show tomorrow at the British Library. It coincides with the Royal Academy's show of illuminated manuscripts.

Smokers put in glasshouse

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

SMOKERS using Heathrow's new flight connections centre are to be forced to use a glass-sided "sin bin", with its own ventilation and extraction system to keep the rest of the area free from smoke.

"We get more letters about smoking — both from those that do and those that don't — than any other subject," David Cumming, general manager of Terminal One, said. "We believe that this special area could be the answer and will be monitoring customer reaction to it very carefully."

Fewer passengers now smoke, but smoking is still widespread in the Far East. BAA, which owns Heathrow, will be watching for any sign of embarrassment among those smoking passengers who may be tempted to change planes in Amsterdam or Paris instead.

The 20ft square room is being constructed in the middle of the connections centre. All other areas are strictly non-smoking.

The centre will open in December to enable transfer passengers to relax between flights. It is, says BAA, the first purpose-built connections centre in the world and is designed to prevent duplicated check-in, security or passport controls.

Transfer passengers connecting to an international flight at Heathrow have, on average, a three-hour wait before picking up their departing flight. Many spend the time lying across three or four seats in the main departure lounge and it is hoped that the new centre will free those seats.

Specially designed lounger seats will be installed in what is known as the Comfort and Care level, but not inside the smokers' glass cage.

Many airlines have banned smoking on their aircraft, even on long-distance flights. British Airways, for example, has no smoking on 1,225 of its 3,700 flights a week, including all domestic and most European services.

Pumpkins priced to please

BY VICTORIA LUCK

WEEKEND SHOPPING

PUMPKINS are in plentiful supply for Hallowe'en and reasonably priced from 25p a lb. The abundance of autumn fruit has brought prices down, with apples and pears 30p to 60p a lb, and satsumas and clementines 5p to 10p each.

Pay no more than £3.20 a lb for cod and haddock, both in prime condition, and look for bargains among the oil rich fish such as mackerel.

Best buys include:

Asda: fresh beef topside with added basting fat £2.18 a lb; pumpkins 25p a lb; English Russet apples 48p a lb; Asda hazlenut meringue gateau £1.49 each.

Budgens: roast leg of pork 64p a ¼; Budgens cod fillets £2.52; Budgens baking potatoes 99p for 2kg bag.

Co-op: natural cottage cheese 59p for ½lb; Co-op thick & creamy yoghurt 22p for 150g; frozen diced swede 39p for 2lb.

Gateway and **Somerfield:** British sirloin steak £3.68 a lb; Greenland halibut fillets £2.29 a lb; avocados 29p each; courgettes 55p a lb.

Harrods: scampi in dill sauce £3.48 for 100g; Asian prawn cocktail £1.11 for 100g; salmon and broccoli salad £1.89 for 100g.

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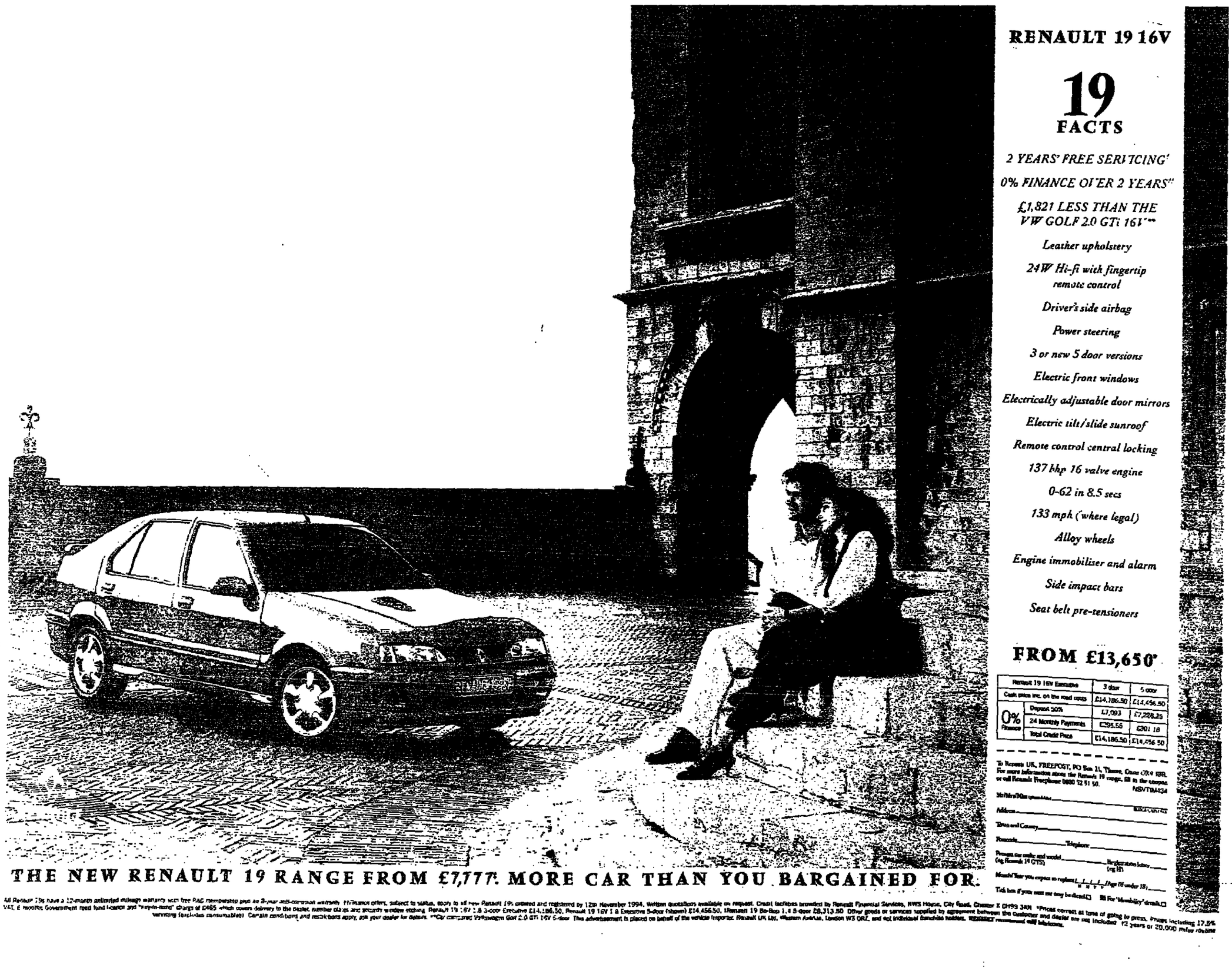
Marks and Spencer: rump steak £2.99 a lb; frozen whole crumbed plaice £2.29 for four; Wensleydale £1.49 a lb; extra large bag of clementines £1.99.

Safeway: Wiltshire ham 65p a ¼; cottage pie 49p for 400g; Royal Gala apples 45p a lb; satsumas 45p a lb.

Sainsbury's: lamb whole boneless leg £2.99 a lb; JS Florida squeezed orange juice £1.59 a litre; JS Irish medium cheddar £1.49 for 16oz.

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Clamour over *Natural Born Killers* stirs Hollywood debate on limits of visual brutality

Censors to investigate death links

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN AND DALYA ALBERGE

THE British Board of Film Classification is to investigate the alleged links between Oliver Stone's new film, *Natural Born Killers*, in which two young people murder more than 50 people and a series of real life killings.

James Ferman, director of the BBFC, said the inquiry had been prompted by growing public concern about the graphic violence shown in the film, although he found it difficult to give credence to such allegations. Similar claims about the *Child's Play 3* and *Juice* in Britain last year had proved *unfounded*, he said.

Yesterday Warners Brothers, the film's distributors, said that the BBFC had delayed its classification, obliging them to postpone its release from November 18 to next year. "This is very disappointing. We have only just decided to put it back because of the classification delay," a Warners spokeswoman said. Mr Ferman insisted, however, anything about rejecting the film or even about requiring it to be cut. This is a unique and a very important film. We have been talking, however, about the way it communicates and the effects it will have," Mr Ferman said.

Natural Born Killers has taken more than £30 million at the box office in the United States, where it received an R rating, permitting children of any age to attend provided they are accompanied by someone aged over 17. The film tells the story of two young lovers who travel across America, shooting and slashing people to death.

Sheila Whitaker, director of the London Film Festival, confirmed last night that she would be screening *Natural Born Killers* on November 12 at the Odeon West End. Although the film has not yet been passed by the BBFC, the festival is exempt from the usual classification rules and has obtained the necessary clearance from Westminster Council to show it.

"The film is not directly about violence but is, ironically, a critique of the mass media and the ways in which they feed off violence and sensationalise it for their own purposes. It would be a great shame if the public — over the age of 18 — were unable to see it and decide for themselves," she said.

Wilf Stevenson, director of the British Film Institute, said that it would be "absolutely ridiculous" if a film that is being shown in France and America were banned by the British censors.

"No one who watched *Natural Born Killers* would have any doubt that it was a satire. We live in a violent society. It's not surprising that films reflect that," he said.

The film has reopened the debate on censorship and the effect of screen violence on people's behaviour. The issue has been highlighted by the introduction of tough new curbs on video in the Criminal Justice Bill, which is shortly to receive Royal Assent.

Gerald Kaufman, chairman of the all-party heritage committee, said that although children should be protected from screen violence, he was against further censorship.



Juliette Lewis and Woody Harrelson as the mass murderers in *Natural Born Killers* which has been linked to ten real deaths



Tarentino: distanced himself from the film

that Warners had taken a "marketing decision" not to bring it out soon after Quentin Tarentino's *Pulp Fiction*, which also depicts scenes of violence.

Tarentino wrote the original script for *Natural Born Killers*, but has distanced himself from it. Mr Ferman added that the BBFC would meet in two weeks to discuss classifying *Natural Born Killers* for British audiences. "Nobody here has mentioned

Film director defends 'satire' on fascination with serial murders

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

ON SCREEN and off, the bodies are piling up round Oliver Stone's new film *Natural Born Killers*, a lurid story of mass murder that has divided critics and audiences more bitterly than any Hollywood production in recent times.

Ten deaths, six of them in America, have been linked to the film's tale of two young maniacs on a killing spree across the United States. A 14-year-old Dallas boy accused of decapitating a girl of 13 reportedly told friends he wanted to be "famous, like the natural born killers". After a Paris couple went on a shooting rampage last month, killing three policemen and a taxi driver, a poster for the film was found in their home.

Before *Natural Born Killers* was released in America on August 19, Stone went before the film ratings board five times to defend his latest work against the N-17 rating, which would have banned anyone younger than 17 from seeing it and severely limited advertising. Stone finally agreed to cut 150 of the bloodiest shots and obtained a less restrictive rating. A scene showing the head of a prison governor, played by Tommy Lee Jones, on a spike and another filmed through the bullet hole in the palm of a reporter's hand, were deemed too unpleasant for under-17s; but a graphic stabbing, a post-coital shooting and the tally of dozens of corpses were not.

When I watched the film, a third of the audience left in evident disgust at the images of brutal violence; perhaps another third, of which I was one, probably wanted to leave but could not, gripped by a film that is brilliantly creative and also repulsive. The remaining, predominantly younger viewers, appeared enthralled, periodically breaking into laughter and applause, for *NBK* has become an instant cult film to millions.



Stone: cut 150 bloodiest shots to avoid restrictive rating

Stone and his supporters insist that his depiction of the killer-lovers, Mickey and Mallory, played by Woody Harrelson and Juliette Lewis, is a satire on the obsession with serial murder. His critics retorted that the explanation was a cover-up for the most egregious example of that obsession to date.

Stone remains adamant that his $34 million (£20.8 million) film simply uses grisly humour to make a serious point. "Younger audiences laughed through the heavier parts," he pointed out. But were they laughing satirically, as he maintained, or were they simply applauding a pair of happy butchers getting away with murder?

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British peer was go-between in building Israel-Jordan peace


Mishcon: as lawyer gained reputation for discretion

■ His friendship with King Husain and Shimon Peres enabled Lord Mishcon, legal adviser to the Princess of Wales, to lay the groundwork for the latest peace deal, Michael Binyon writes

ISRAEL yesterday paid extraordinary tribute to a British peer who, the government said, laid the basis for the latest Middle East peace agreement.

Lord Mishcon, legal adviser to the Princess of Wales, has been named as the man who for years acted as a secret intermediary between Israel and Jordan and who several times offered the use of his country house as the venue for private meetings between King Husain and Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister.

"He played a pivotal role in the 1980s," Yossi Beilin, Israel's Deputy Foreign Minister, said.

Lord Mishcon, the son of a Brixton rabbi, a former Labour Party spokesman on home affairs in the Lords and one of Britain's highest paid solicitors, was used by both Israel and Jordan as a go-between from 1984 until 1990.

"He would disappear from his business and come out here at short notice and shuttle between Israel and Amman to deliver messages," Mr Beilin said.

Although he was not involved in working out the treaty signed by Israel and Jordan on Wednesday, he played a key role in clarifying the attitudes of both sides in the lead-up to the formal peace negotiations. "He was trusted by both sides. He was careful not to be involved too much in the negotiations themselves. But there was nobody else who could do what he did," Mr Beilin said.

A former vice-president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews who owns a house in Israel, Lord Mishcon came to know King Husain after his daughter became firm friends with King Husain's sister, Princess Basma, at school in England. For many years he has acted as the King's legal adviser in Britain. A close personal friend of Mr Peres, whom he also came to know through his Labour Party connections, he was the conduit used by Mr Peres.

Whenever he crossed the Allenby Bridge from Israel to Jordan, a car was waiting to whisk him to the royal palace. He never stayed the night, but returned to Israel the same evening.

Lord Mishcon yesterday declined all comment on his role, saying that he preferred to leave it to the King and Mr Peres to give details of any contribution he had undertaken "over a substantial period of time".

The Israelis and Jordanians warmed to him because of his reputation for discretion, a reputation enhanced by his self-effacing role in acting on behalf of the Princess of Wales, Lord Archer and the late Robert Maxwell, among others. After every meeting in his house between the King and Mr Peres, the two would each telephone Margaret Thatcher, then Prime Minister, to brief her on their talks. Lord Mishcon played no diplomatic role for Israel's Likud government.

Mr Beilin said that Lord Mishcon's influence was based entirely on his personal relations. He believed that the 79-year-old lawyer would still have a role to play, despite the establishment of formal links between the two sides. He was not certain, however, whether Lord Mishcon would be able to find any useful role in bridging the gap between Israel and Syria.

The Labour peer is well versed in negotiation, having served on committees as diverse as the London Tourist Board and the South Bank Theatre Board. He four times unsuccessfully contested parliamentary elections in the 1950s, and chaired most of the committee meetings of the London County Council in the 1950s and 1960s.

With typical reserve, Lord Mishcon declined to attend the ceremonies to mark the signing of the peace treaty on Wednesday, although his name was mentioned in the Knesset as one of those who played a leading role in making it possible.

Wary President cancels tour of Jerusalem sites

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

FACED with the explosive religious and political complexities of the Jerusalem problem, President Clinton yesterday admitted defeat and cancelled his tour of the holy sites in the historic, Israeli-annexed eastern half of the city.

Although officials attempted to cite tiredness, there was no doubt that the reason was a reluctance to have America too deeply embroiled in the tangled dispute between Arab and Jew over sovereignty of the city claimed by Israel as its "eternal and undivided" capital.

The decision, announced by American diplomats even before the 100-vehicle motorcade had sped up the specially cleared highway from Tel Aviv airport, came as a relief to the overstretched American and Israeli Secret Services.

It was also a sobering reminder, only 24 hours after the triumphant signing of Israel's new peace treaty with Jordan, of the serious obstacles to a full Middle East settlement which still remain. The Palestinians insist that east Jerusalem is theirs and must be the capital of their future state.

The trouble over the proposed Clinton tour — of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, reputed site of Christ's tomb, the Temple Mount, containing the third holiest Islamic shrine and the Wailing Wall, the holiest place on Earth for Jews — came when Ehud Olmert, Jerusalem's new right-wing Mayor, announced he would be accompanying the American leader.

"One thing must be clear. We are sovereign in all of Jerusalem. There is no part of Jerusalem that we, and I as Mayor, will agree is outside our authority," argued Mr Olmert from the opposition Likud party.

The Israeli demand provoked predictable Palestinian anger, calls for street riots against the American leader, and a declaration that if Mr Olmert was on the trip the ancient gates to the Temple Mount, the site of Al-Aqsa mosque and the golden-topped Dome of the Rock, would be locked.

Faisal Husseini, chief representative of the Palestine Liberation Organisation in the city, described the unresolved Jerusalem issue as a "black hole" which could swallow up and destroy all that had been achieved since the PLO and Israel made peace in September 1993. "We informed President Clinton that he was most welcome in our holy sites and in the Old City, but that we would not accept an Israeli-American visit", Mr Husseini said. Right-wing opposition parties in Israel expressed disappointment with the President's decision, having urged Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, to press him to go ahead with the tour.

"The Americans realised they were getting into something very uncomfortable and sensibly decided to cut their losses and pull out," one European diplomat said. He noted that during the last American presidential campaign Mr Clinton had upset many Arabs by making a vague pledge — subsequently conveniently forgotten — to move the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Mr Olmert, who is deeply distrusted by the Arabs of east Jerusalem, had to make do with a brief visit to the Wailing Wall paid by Hillary Clinton on which the Mayor acted as host. "I am sorry that he will not visit these places, I am truly sorry", said Mr Olmert.

The three shrines are situated just a short walk apart and the President had been due to make his tour after dark in an arttempt to reduce the security risks. Had it gone ahead, he would have also encountered trouble between the PLO and Jordan which have appointed rival muftis in their widening dispute for control over the Islamic holy places.

Most nations, including America, have never recognised Israel's annexation of the Arab eastern sector which followed its conquest in the 1967 war. All previous American Presidents have studiously avoided this diplomatic minefield, although George Bush did visit the Old City when Vice-President.

Before the cancellation was announced, the narrow alleys of the Old City were tense in anticipation of violent reaction. Israeli border guards equipped with sniper rifles were also in place on top of the centuries-old walls.

Elsewhere in the city holy to Jews, Muslims and Christians, the 17-hour visit by the Clintons caused much resentment among citizens of all religious persuasions because of the draconian traffic restrictions imposed by the 6,000 police drafted in to protect the President.

Many key roads were closed and the cars even of residents parked on any route used by the Clinton motorcade were towed unceremoniously to a remote sports stadium. An advertisement taken by the municipality did little to allay the anger. "Your understanding and patience are requested during these historic times and the beginning of a new era for generations to come," it said.

So seriously were the threats of an attack by Islamic militants opposed to the peace treaty being taken that a force of 500 police were deputed solely to guard the King David Hotel which was cleared of all its guests and became the headquarters of the American presidential team. "British tourists like us are very frightened that we might be stabbed by an Arab if they think we are American", said Doris Wingrove, from Barnsley, South Yorkshire, who was on a Christian tour to the city.


Tehran: Ali Khamenei, Iran's spiritual leader, above, last night warned Arab leaders against making peace with Israel, saying the region's people would never accept such an "act of treason".

Referring to Israel's peace treaty with Jordan signed on Wednesday, Ayatollah Khamenei said: "This is an oppression, not peace. What can we expect of the Kings of Jordan and Morocco or the President of Egypt? Their people will never accept their leaders' treason or remain silent."

He vowed that Iran would never agree to make peace with the Jewish state. "They complain: why don't we compromise. What a stupid expectation. What justice-loving person would accept such big oppression?" *(AFP)*


President Clinton and President Assad of Syria leaving yesterday's press conference in Damascus before Mr Clinton flew on to Israel for the next leg of his tour to boost peace in the Middle East

Slum houses vanish as Assad's iron broom clears road to Damascus

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN DAMASCUS

BEFORE Bill Clinton's visit yesterday, Richard Nixon was the only American President to have visited Syria. David Gergen, the media adviser who worked for both Presidents, remembers that 1974 visit well.

"Flying in on Air Force One we looked out on the right wing and there suddenly, out of nowhere, was a Syrian fighter," he recalled. "We looked out the left wing — there was another Syrian fighter. Nobody knew what the hell was going on.

"Air Force One went into evasive action. We went into a dive. We all got thrown out of our chairs. We were on the floor. We were rolling around. There was literally a sense that we were going to get shot down. We learnt after the fact — a little late, I might say — that this was a formal escort sent up by President Assad."

Mr Assad spared Mr Clinton the fighter escort yesterday, but laid on an otherwise magnificent welcome, full of pomp and ceremony. After all, it is not every day that one of the world's dwindling band of genuine dictators enjoys the boost to his stature of an American presidential visit.

Mr Clinton stepped out of Air Force One to a 21-gun salute and the strains of the *Star Spangled Banner* played by a Syrian military band. He was greeted by a small army of Syrian dignitaries led by Mr Assad. Together the two men reviewed an honour guard whose duties may not always have been so harmlessly ceremonial. In 1982 Mr Assad ordered the slaughter of 25,000 of his people during a revolt in the city of Hama.

Just outside the airport, an unsightly row of homes had been demolished in preparation for the President's arrival. Damascus international airport was closed for the duration of Mr Clinton's visit, as was the 15 miles of eight-lane motorway along which he was taken to the capital as Syrian troops stood guard. Trees and shrubs had been freshly planted almost the entire length of this road and the pavements freshly painted in black-and-white stripes.

At first sight modern Damascus bears little resemblance to its biblical forebear. It is a depressing city of grim apartment blocks. However, Mr Assad swept Mr Clinton past these and up to the People's Palace built in 1990 on an arid mountain overlooking the city. The ordinary Syrian people, of course, are allowed nowhere near this opulent edifice constructed in their name, and the 200-strong White House press corps fared only a little better. One by one they were required to submit to an elaborate security check before entering. Mr Assad evidently feeling the need to protect himself from terrorists he does not control himself.


Gergen: recalls Syrian "buzzing" of Nixon

Mr Assad's efficiency nonetheless won him a number of admirers in a press corps shattered by three days of trailing this seemingly inexhaustible but unpunctual President as he hopscotches round the Middle East. On Wednesday night the group of reporters finally reached their hotel in Amman, the Jordanian capital, shortly before midnight and departed for Syria four hours later. The White House having made erroneous reservations, each journalist was charged for two nights, meaning each hour's sleep cost roughly $100 (£61).

Kuwait's Islamic militants gaining ground

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

WHEN President Clinton arrives in Kuwait today to a guaranteed hero's welcome, he will find a state that has recovered its pride after the recent show of military resilience against Iraq. But the oil-rich emirate is still far removed from the democratic hopes expressed by the West before the Gulf War.

More disturbing to the American leader than the lack of Jeffersonian ideals in a region notorious for autocratic government may be the signs that Islamic fundamentalists have made inroads.

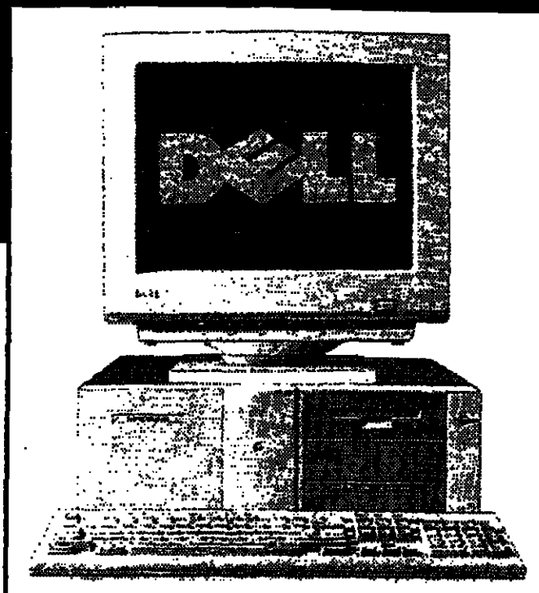
This week the Islamic Coalition Group won a convincing victory in the Kuwait University students' union poll, a disturbing pointer to what might happen if the franchise was extended beyond the 120,000 Kuwaitis eligible to vote in the next parliamentary election in 1996 — about 20 per cent more than in 1992.

The Islamists, who then won 60 per cent of seats in the parliament, have been working to enforce strict Islamic norms. They have succeeded in banning from supermarkets even the innocuous non-alcoholic concoction known as "near beer", and imposed a 500 Kuwaiti dinar (£1,200) fine on retailers selling lingerie with pictures of models.

"The Islamists have a strong base in providing handouts for the poor. They are now striving to ban women adorning advertisements for cosmetics," said Nirmala Janssen, chief reporter of the *Arab Times*, a daily newspaper in the front line of the campaign by liberals to curtail the spread of fundamentalism in the country of 1.9 million, many of them expatriates.

Despite campaigning by American diplomats, Kuwaiti women, the heroines of the 1990-91 resistance campaign against the Iraqis, have yet to be given the right either to vote or stand as candidates for the 50 elected parliamentary seats. The stoicism with which they stood up to the latest crisis has increased their determination to fight for their rights, but diplomats see little hope of them being granted.

During his brief stopover, Mr Clinton may have occasion to recall the words of his predecessor, George Bush, who declared in July 1991: "The war was not fought about democracy in Kuwait. The war was fought about aggression against Kuwait."



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Families advised to prepare for the worst as hope of three hostages' survival fades

Western captives feared killed by Cambodia rebels

By James Pringle and Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor

FEARS were growing last night that three Westerners taken hostage by the Khmer Rouge in late July have been killed by their captors.

Cambodian military commanders in southern Kampot province said yesterday that the three hostages were dead, and had been buried in shallow graves on Vine Mountain, the Khmer Rouge base overrun by government troops on Tuesday. No graves, however, have yet been located in the area littered with mines.

Other reports indicate that the three might have been killed by a mortar round while being moved by the Khmer Rouge out of the area to escape the government offensive.

Some reports hold out the hope that the three might have been smuggled out to a Khmer Rouge safe zone, but there is less and less chance that this is the case.

Yesterday Khieu Kanharith, the Information Minister, said there had been unconfirmed reports of their deaths from local people living near the Vine Mountain base of General Noun Paet, the Khmer Rouge commander responsible for the kidnap, who is thought to have close ties with the Khmer Rouge leadership now based in Anlong Veng, northern Cambodia.

"These local people said General Paet's men took the hostages into the forest and shortly afterwards there were some shots. Moments later the men left the jungle without the three, so it is assumed they were killed," he said.

The last time there was evidence that they were still alive was in August. "The indications, for the past two weeks, have been generally negative as regards their survival," said a senior envoy who is privy to intelligence reports on the fate of hostages. "We haven't totally given up hope but we feel pessimistic, and their families have been told to prepare themselves for the worst," the envoy said.

Jack Slater, the father of the British hostage, Mark Slater, 28, of Corby, Northampton, yesterday refused to discuss the fate of his son. "We are too upset to talk and we won't be making any comment, either now or in the future," he said.

Mr Slater had been travelling with two companions, Australian David Wilson, 29, and Frenchman Jean-Michel Braquet, 27, to the sea resort of Sihanoukville by train when they were captured.

Both the Australian and French governments evidently fear the worst. Paul Keating, the Australian Prime Minister, has extended his condolences to Mr Wilson's family.

Britain said yesterday that it was doing its utmost, through the Cambodian authorities, to establish the facts. The Government would not confirm reports of their death, though the Foreign Office said the outlook was now fairly bleak. "With every passing day and no proof of life our anxiety increases," a spokesman said.

A sister of Mark Slater said: "As far as I can tell you there has not been any kind of official contact with the Foreign Office and things still seem to be up in the air."

In August, John Major had urged Prince Ranariddh, one of Cambodia's two joint Prime Ministers, to do what he could to rescue the men. Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations Secretary-General, had also appealed to the Khmer Rouge captors. Earlier this month Lord Carrington, visiting Cambodia in his capacity as president of the Voluntary Service Overseas, held talks on the strategy adopted by the Cambodians.

Two members of the Metropolitan Police, with wide experience of hostage cases, have been advising the Phnom Penh government. They are likely to have said that an all-out assault on the camp would endanger the lives of the hostages. Although Britain recognises the difficulties of the Cambodian authorities, there was annoyance that this advice was disregarded.

Phnom Penh: Nine Thais went on trial in a Cambodian military court here yesterday alongside two of the alleged ringleaders on charges of involvement in an abortive coup against the government in July. Five defendants denied they had plotted a coup, although one Thai, Somsak Surattanut, said he had been told of the plot and of the role he was to play on the day of the abortive coup. The court gave the names of 15 other people suspected of involvement but not present in Cambodia, including Prince Norodom Chakrapong, son of King Sihanouk. *(AFP)*



A Khmer Rouge rebel with, left to right, David Wilson, Jean-Michel Braquet and Mark Slater in a photo released last month

Hong Kong airport deal 'days away'

By Michael Binyon

AN AGREEMENT with China on building the £12.2 billion Hong Kong airport is likely to be concluded within the next few days, Chris Patten, the Governor, said after talks at the Foreign Office yesterday.

Mr Patten's remarks echoed his earlier suggestion that the colony had virtually settled its dispute on the funding of the airport, the world's biggest civil engineering project.

He said that a deal on financing should lead to early agreement on related support packages. "That, I think, would be the best possible signal that China and Britain can co-operate to ensure the future economic prosperity of the territory," he added.

Dismissing charges that Britain was frittering away Hong Kong's assets, Mr Patten said reserves for the territory's government after 1997 would be about $HK120 billion (£9.7 billion).

Renamo urged to end poll boycott

By Michael Hamlyn

THE path to democracy in Mozambique was once more obstructed yesterday when Renamo, the rebel movement, decided hours before the polls opened to boycott the general election, raising fears that it intended to resume its 16-year-long civil war.

Afonso Dhlakama, the Renamo leader and presidential candidate, said: "We have made this decision because we have proof that there will be massive fraud in this election. It is not an election, it is a picnic ... we want new elections."

Mr Dhlakama repeated his promise not to return to war and said: "I am tired of telling people that I am not going back to war. I will be in peaceful civilian opposition."

Brazao Mazula, president of the country's independent electoral commission, said that the election boycott was illegal, as at least 72 hours notice was needed for such a move. Polls generally opened on time, although there was some confusion as Renamo observers were at many stations. They were withdrawn later and United Nations officials reported yesterday that voting was proceeding smoothly and peacefully throughout the country.

Richard Edis, the British Ambassador, who was among a number of diplomats due to meet Mr Dhlakama last night, said: "We shall try to talk him out of this. He will have put himself in the wilderness and will effectively invalidate the elections. It is a pity he did not raise these objections a week ago when something could have been done."

United Nations officials were hoping last night that Mr Dhlakama's fears could be calmed and that the poll could continue. The electoral commission has the power to extend voting into a third day tomorrow.

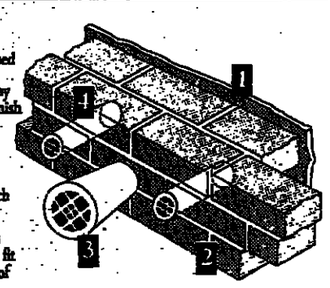
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Defecting Democrats blame their party for being soft on welfare and crime

Republicans defy tradition and scent victory in South

FROM IAN BRODIE IN MEMPHIS

MID-TERM ELECTIONS

ACROSS the southern United States, from the shopping malls of Miami to backwoods prayer meetings in Tennessee and on to the Texas prairie, Republicans are on the march.

They are so competitive that, for the first time in history, they may hold a majority of the Southern seats in Congress and governorships after the mid-term elections on November 8. A tide of southern victories is crucial to Republican hopes nationally for regaining control of the House of Representatives after 40 years in opposition.

Republicans also have an even chance of gaining Senate seats in Tennessee and in Virginia where Oliver North, despite problems caused by his big mouth, continues to outspend and outrun the sitting Democrat, Chuck Robb.

Despite a boost from the polls yesterday, President Clinton can do nothing to stave off the surge. There is such a backlash against his policies that his native region has become a no-go area for him. His fellow Southern Democrats were pleased to see him escape to the Middle East this week, well away from the campaign trail. They regard him as a moderate who metamorphosed in the White House into a free-spending liberal.

The South was solidly Democrat for years after the Civil War. Thirty years ago Republicans began making gains in presidential contests, but Democrats still prevailed in local elections. Now many Southerners appear to have grown weary of split loyalties and feel comfortable voting Republican at all levels.

One reason is racial. There is white flight to the Republicans by Democrats who blame their party for being soft on welfare and crime, issues they associate primarily with blacks. Twelve Southern constituencies were gerrymandered after the last census to create black majorities, giving Republicans an unintended advantage in neighbouring white districts.

In the war on crime, Kirk Fordice, Mississippi's Republican Governor, has vowed to make his state the "capital of capital punishment". A new law abolishes air-conditioning and television for prisoners, mostly black, and restores uniforms with broad stripes and the word "convict" on the back. The South is fertile ground for the religious Right which ceaselessly propounds its agenda of social issues — no to abortion and gays in the military, yes to school prayer and family values. Ann Richards, falling behind in her fight for re-election as Democratic Governor of Texas, described the religious Right as a "stealth" invasion taking over the Republican Party. Despite a good record in office, she could lose to George W. Bush, eldest son of the former Republican President. Another son, Jeb, has a slim lead over the Democratic Governor of Florida, Lawton Chiles.

The new Southern Republican is personified by Roger Wicker, 43, an energetic lawyer. He is set to win a constituency in Mississippi that has been held by one Democrat, now retiring, for a record 54 years.

The irony, though, is that in the battle for votes, Southern Republicans and Democrats are competing with nearly identical conservative manifestos. Their campaign brochures carry the same proposals: longer sentences for criminals, welfare reform, tax cuts, healthcare improvements short of "socialised medicine", education under local control, and an end to perks in Congress itself.

☐ **Rating rises:** Mr Clinton's tour of the Middle East appeared to be paying dividends at home yesterday where his popularity increased considerably (Tom Rhodes writes).

The latest poll, published by *USA Today*, showed the President's approval rating up seven points in a week to 48 per cent, his largest short-term gain in a year. At the same time, more registered voters said they would vote for the Democrats if the congressional elections were held immediately.



Los Angeles: A caustic intervention from Madonna, above, has enlivened California politics (Giles Whittell writes). State governor Pete Wilson told a rally that his Democratic opponent, Kathleen Brown, was as hard to find among the ranks of true crime fighters "as Madonna at a nunnery". Madonna responded: "It would be foolish of me to respond to a statement made by a fool."



Root and branch: Jeb Bush has inherited his father's lopsided smile and describes his politics as mainstream progressive conservative Republican

Bush the younger aspires to life in the Florida mansion

FROM TOM RHODES IN DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

Jeanne Blais, the 80-year-old piano player at Volusia Rotary Club in Daytona Beach, looked inquiringly at Jeb Bush before admitting finally that she would vote for the former President's son at the polls for the new Governor of Florida in less than two weeks' time.

"I will vote for him. I will give him a chance," Mrs Blais said. "After all, it would please his mother and father." So it was at every stop on the election trail as the younger Bush took what he described as his "mainstream progressive conservative Republican" doctrine to the electorate of northeast Florida.

Jeb and his brother George W., who is running for the governorship of Texas, lack the fading aura of the Kennedys, but instead offer a new form of dynastic succession reliant more on energy and drive than money or ideology.

Jeb Bush opposes abortion and gay rights, proposes a dismantling of the welfare system and supports at all times the right of the individual above that of government.

"We will not blink," he told a gathering of his devotees. "We will stand true to the absolute truth that self-government is the only way. It is time for principled leadership." For those that did blink and read his lips, the resemblance to his father was remarkable.

Immigrant scandal hits California hopeful

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

MICHAEL Huffington, the billionaire challenger in California's hard-fought Senate race, has suffered a highly embarrassing setback, being forced to admit that he employed an illegal immigrant for five years at his Santa Barbara home.

Even as Mr Huffington spoke out against illegal immigration on Wednesday, the would-be Republican senator conceded that his children's nanny had no immigration green card and therefore was employed illegally until leaving the job last year, shortly before the Texas-born businessman launched his Senate bid.

Mr Huffington, known internationally as much for his marriage to Arianna Stassinopoulos, the Cambridge-educated socialite, as for his political ambitions, has made a clampdown on illegal immigration an important plank of his multimillion-dollar campaign to unseat the incumbent Democrat, Dianne Feinstein.

Speaking in San Diego about his support for the controversial Proposition 187, which seeks to deny benefits and healthcare to California's illegal immigrants, he was asked if he had ever employed one. Mr Huffington at first replied that he did not "know of any problem". Later he was forced to backtrack when the *Los Angeles Times* produced documents proving that the nanny had been an illegal immigrant.

"My wife did hire someone, found out she was illegal, applied for a green card and filled out all of the paperwork," Mr Huffington said on Wednesday night.

In the tit-for-tat style that has characterised the race, his office hit back at once with allegations that Ms Feinstein had also employed undocumented aliens and had not paid any taxes on their behalf. Senator Feinstein's campaign manager called the unsupported allegations "an outright lie".

NEWS IN BRIEF

Algeria killings escalate

Paris: Fighting between government forces and Islamic fundamentalists in Algeria has reached a new peak and several hundred people are now being killed every week, a senior French military source said yesterday. He said Muslim guerrillas had turned entire areas of the country into no-go areas. "The level of fighting is now sometimes even more intense than the worst moments we experienced in Algeria's 1954-1962 war of independence against France," he said. *(Reuter)*

Cancer risk

Washington: A population study in Seattle says that women who have had an abortion appear to have a greater risk of developing breast cancer than those who continued their pregnancy.

Ruler charged

Addis Ababa: Mengistu Haile Mariam, Ethiopia's ousted Marxist dictator who fled to Zimbabwe in 1991, has been charged in absentia with genocide and human rights violations. *(Reuter)*

Sailors accused

Rouen: Five sailors from a Ukrainian merchant ship heading for Le Havre will be tried for murder for allegedly throwing eight African stowaways overboard, prosecutors said. *(Reuter)*

Panda dies

Peking: Jingjing the panda has died in a zoo at 32, the oldest recorded age for any of the rare pandas in China, whether in the wild or in captivity, the official Xinhua news agency said. *(Reuter)*

Minister quits

Warsaw: Andrzej Olechowski, the Polish Foreign Minister, has resigned over claims that he had broken a law banning government officials from receiving two salaries. *(Reuter)*

A dog's life

Kuala Lumpur: A rottweiler sentenced to death for fatally biting a woman aged 70 will win a reprieve if it responds within two months to police training to sniff out drugs and criminals, the High Court decided. *(AP)*

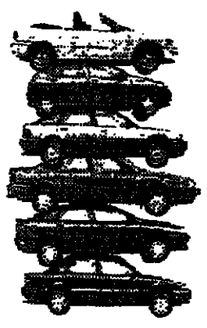
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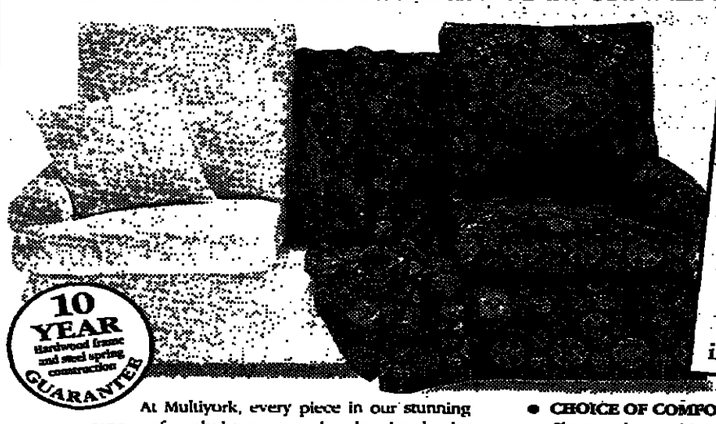
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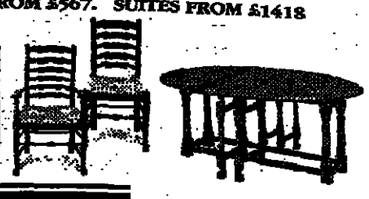
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Britain changes tack to back European power bloc in Nato

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

BRITAIN yesterday speeded up its shift towards a "Europeanised" defence policy and in doing so gave a glimpse of the Government's plans for the next phase of the battle over the future shape of the European Union.

In a speech yesterday Roland Smith, Britain's deputy Ambassador to Nato, gave the first indication that Britain will now support a strengthened European bloc inside Nato. Britain's change of tack increases the risks of US-European clashes over taking in new Nato members from the East. America is in more of a hurry to expand the alliance eastwards than its Western European allies. British officials are angry that the Clinton Administration has begun to force the pace on this issue.

"I thought that we had a perfectly good and steady policy on expanding Nato," a senior British official in Brussels said last night. "Now we seem to have a new one." At a conference in The Hague yesterday, Mr Smith said: "If it is accepted that a European defence identity is both desirable and compatible with a healthy alliance, it follows that the European voice should from time to time be articulated more clearly within the alliance's board of management."

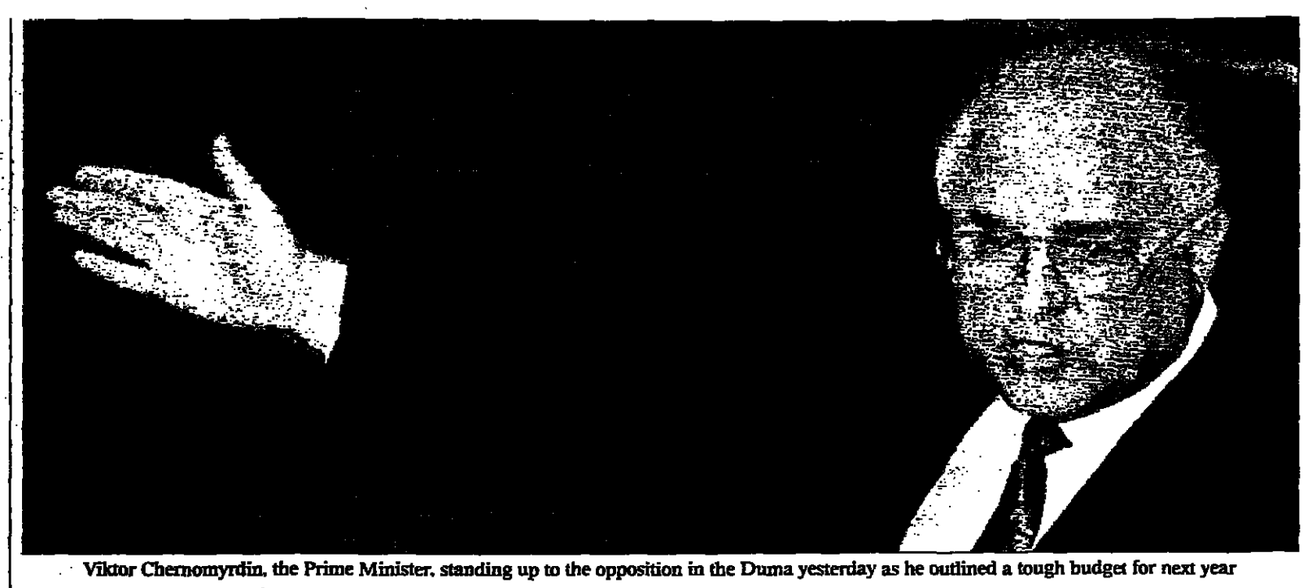
Mr Smith's speech gave the fullest version so far of Britain's new support for building up European armed forces and Europe's clout in Nato. Whitehall officials have been signalling the coming shift for the past few weeks after Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, this summer mastered his reluctance to annoy backbench Tory Euro-sceptics and wrote a secret paper recommending a more explicitly European defence policy.

Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, strock the same note this week when he said that "an effective European defence and effective institutions to underpin it" require Britain and France to "build on the substantial co-operation we already have".

In the short term, developing a "European army" needs Nato and the revived ten-nation Western European Union to agree on how alliance forces and equipment can be reorganised into "combined joint task forces" for peacekeeping missions which do not involve Americans or Canadians.

British policy for 1996 is developing along three lines. The government will continue to resist most proposals to increase the EU's scope and powers, except in matters concerning defence. Economic and monetary union, whether it happens in 1997 or 1998, will take place without Britain. Lastly, Britain will claim a place in the fast lane on defence policy in partnership with France.

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Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, standing up to the opposition in the Duma yesterday as he outlined a tough budget for next year

Russian opposition fails to overturn reforms

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

A RUSSIAN opposition attempt to bring down the government of Viktor Chernomyrdin failed yesterday when a "no confidence" motion in the State Duma, the lower house of parliament, was defeated by more than 30 votes.

President Yeltsin tried to ensure the collapse of the motion when he sacked Viktor Khlystun, the Agriculture Minister, and appointed Aleksandr Nazarchuk, of the Agrarian Party, in an attempt to woo its votes.

The result was a personal triumph for Mr Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, whose job had been rumoured to be on the line only a week ago. Looking confident in the face of barracking, he outlined a tough draft budget for next year. The budget envisages a deficit of only about 8 per cent of GDP and forecasts a drop in the monthly inflation level to 1 per cent by the end of next year.

He said the victory showed that "we have crossed a critical frontier in the course of reforms". That view was endorsed by Anatoli Chubais, the Privatisation Minister, who also interpreted the vote as a moral victory for market reform. The opposition had claimed that yesterday would be a red-letter day. Instead it turned out to be more of a display of impotent rage.

☐ Hijack foiled: Moscow police foiled an attempt to hijack an airliner at Vnukovo airport, hours after a man in the Daghestan republic blew himself up when commandos stormed the airliner he had seized. *(Reuter)*

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Serbs flee plateau in Muslim victory

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

THE Bosnian army, in probably its most successful battle, routed Serb forces near Bihac, capturing 60 square miles and a cache of weapons, United Nations officers said yesterday.

The attack by Muslim-led government forces on the Grabez plateau overlooking government-held Bihac in northwestern Bosnia sent hundreds of Serb soldiers and at least 3,500 residents fleeing. Rebel forces have used the high ground to lob shells into the town since June 1992.

"What appears to have happened is that they caught the (Bosnian Serb army) unawares," Lieutenant-Colonel Tim Spicer, a UN spokesman, said. "They withdrew in disarray, abandoning equipment such as tanks and mortars."

UN personnel in the area confirmed that at least two tanks had been seized. There was no information on the number of casualties.

The Z4 plan, the latest peace proposal for Croatia has collapsed even before being unveiled. Krajina Serb leaders say they have no interest in it and their Croatian counterparts say they will never countenance a Serb "state within a state". The news came as Krajina Serbs began talks in Zagreb on economic questions after a seven-month break in dialogue.

French plan defence link-up with RAF

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

AIRCRAFT of the RAF and the French Air Force could soon be flying together under a scheme which senior French officers view as the most significant step in military co-operation between the two countries since the Suez invasion of 1956.

The plan for a "Combined Air Force Group", due to be launched at the Franco-British summit in Chartres next month, is the main item in a batch of cross-Channel military initiatives. These reflect both a new British interest in promoting European defence outside Nato and a French desire for closer links with the Atlantic military organisation from which it withdrew 28 years ago.

The air force group will consist of a joint headquarters based in Britain or France in which a dozen officers will coordinate the use of the fighters, transports and all other aircraft for use outside Nato operations once their governments issue the order. Sketching the plan yesterday, a French officer said the two countries could deploy aircraft together for transport, the evacuation of civilians or in humanitarian operations. No force would be permanently assigned to the group.

The main thing, said the officer, was that Britain and France had "shown a common political will" to get the scheme off the ground. "We envisage conducting joint operations, and that has not happened since Suez."

The impetus for the air force group has been fed by successful collaboration between the two countries' military in former Yugoslavia and the Gulf.

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The tale of Jeremy, fisher



Jeremy Paxman: "My contemporaries are now in the Cabinet — people who took an attitude at the age of 19 and never matured"

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



It is exactly a year since Jeremy Paxman was blackballed by the Garrick Club. Probably a good thing: it keeps him away from cliques of Tory politicians and hangers-on, at a time when we particularly need the scornful raising of his quizzical eyebrow.

We met this week far from sleaze-torn Westminster and chattering Garrick. He bicycled down from the village of Turville, near Henley-on-Thames, and arrived at the door of the Stonor Arms with glowing cheeks. In the country, Paxman is transformed into Jeremy Fisher, and this week lands a fat 2lb 2oz volume called *Fish, Fishing and the Meaning of Life*.

He is happiest, he tells us, on "those dappled sunlit days" in "peace and solitude and utter concentration on what the rest of the world thinks unimportant". He writes of "the thumping of the heart when a fish takes". Silent, dull-witted, undemonstrative, cold-blooded fish may be, but he finds them utterly enthralling.

"It may have something to do with the fact that they cannot survive in our element, nor we in theirs. It certainly has something to do with their squamous beauty." [It means scaly.]

So let us address the spiritual side of fishing. Does it lift "the sinking heart"?

The famous eyebrow ascended. He squirmed a bit. "It *is* a great balm to the soul but that isn't the reason one does it. The lure is the watery environment. You are alone and unobtrusive, in beautiful surroundings in Scotland or a stream in Hampshire, and you see things you would never otherwise see. Kingfishers, wagtails; otters, a mink. It's not a conscious decision like going into a retreat or meditating. I don't want to make it sound like a spiritual exercise . . ."

Come off it (as he would say), what's this about "the meaning of life" then? Hasn't he just told me that some aspects of modern life — how man treats his physical environment and his fellow man — are "unbearably bleak and depressing"?

"Yes of course I think all of those things. But to invite people to share the experience is one thing. To make overblown prescriptive claims for it makes you sound unbearably pompous. It is just utterly engrossing. And catching a fish represents success in inserting yourself into the natural environment and getting away with it."

One is tempted to see Paxman at 44 joining those American writers of titles such as *Flyfishing Through the Midlife Crisis*, who see fishing as "about love and families and innocence", when the chief reason it is so popular is that it lets men escape from domestic reponsibility. "Oh yes," Paxman says, "it's incredibly politically incorrect."

My only fly-fishing connection is that my house was used for the filming of the J.R. Hartley commercial, but Paxman's anthology — ending with Rupert Brooke's "Heaven" — makes the whole business so alluring I rather wished we had taken a little boat and a Ratty-like hamper up the Thames. But Henley is not fishing country. And now that he can afford to fish, he has little time. *Newsnight* consumes three long, exhausting days each week and for *University Challenge* they record 15 sessions over a single weekend in Manchester.

Once, in Bosnia last year, after perilous days journeying into besieged Tuzla, he found himself in a bar where journalists were exchanging visiting cards "and the only one I had said: Fishing Correspondent, *Esquire*". "Oh, are you here to write about the fishing?" asked an American cameraman.

His own village of Turville recently erupted into a small war zone. He and John Mortimer have been campaigning fruitlessly to help the vicar, a jolly ex-champagne salesman, buy the old schoolhouse as a study centre where inner-city children might enjoy rural holidays — a scheme which dismays other locals (including Lord Quinton and Alistair Horne) who live there precisely to avoid such children.

In Paxman's childhood he was taught to fish on the River Ure by his grandfather and a keeper named Mr Sturdy. From them he learnt the necessary guile and the pleasures of a winter's evening at the kitchen table with a boxful of bits of fur and feather. An eccentric aunt allowed him and his three younger siblings to chug up the Thames in her cabin cruiser and camp overnight in *Swallows and Amazons*-style freedom.

At Cambridge he did not fish; he edited *Varsity* and regarded the Union as the preserve of those prepared to sell their grandmothers for political advancement, like Arianna Stassinopoulos. "A student ought to stick pins in politicians, not dignify their game by emulating them.

"Contemporaries of mine are now in the Cabinet — people who take an attitude at the age of 19 and never mature: they trail around unwinnable seats and never do anything else with their life. Who else stands by what they thought at 19?"

He got a 2:1 in English ("journalism is not an occupation for First Class minds — it's too imprecise and compromised") and is impressively well up on contemporary novels. He has just reviewed Geoffrey Howe's memoirs: "Remember what Ambrose Bierce once said, 'The covers of this book are too far apart'?"

The first MP he ever met was Sir Gerald Nabarro, who came to address the sixth form at Malvern: "Frightful man who drove around in a fleet of cars with registration numbers NAB1 to NAB10. You can understand why one was instinctively distrustful of politicians ever after." Oh, of course lots of them are likeable and quite nice, he said. But he finds them a sad spectacle "when you know perfectly well that they know a particular policy is absolute bollocks, but they have to sit there and justify it because that is the price for which their soul has been bought".

The other night on Radio 4, Paxman gathered seven old codgers from the 1964 Wilson Cabinet: Healey, Castle, Jay, Shore, Longford, Hattersley, Arthur Bottomley, who bickered merrily away. "You crucified me over incomes policy," said Barbara. "Yes well, you do invite the nails, Barbara," said remorseless Healey. "They are so much more substantial than most of the present crop," Paxman says. "You never got the sense with that generation, that it was the only thing in their lives. As you do with the present lot."

Isn't it hard to avoid hobnobbing with them? "No. A lot of political journalists have politicians as their friends. I'm very distrustful of that little closed Westminster world."

So the Garrick did him a favour then?

He remains a bit baffled by the Garrick. It had never been his ambition to join — no one would accuse him of being clubbable — but after a long lunch there many years ago his friend Edward Faulks (barrister brother of the novelist Sebastian) made a post-prandial offer to put him up. "Years passed, and I hear that I have been blackballed. I've deliberately not said anything about it: if they feel so strongly that they can't face having me in the same room, it's their affair. I wear the Garrick blackball with some pride."

Anyway he got a rave press from outraged supporters, including Lord Rees-Mogg, and a gratifying postbag from people inviting him to join their fishing clubs, etc.

The waiter hovered cautiously with a hand-written note. It said: "Would you like dessert?" He was a student of journalism from Tasmania. Paxman took the opportunity to advise him of Nicholas Tomalin's requirements for journalism: "A plausible manner, a little literary ability and rat-like cunning." He added his own essential requirement: curiosity. "And I can't see any point, unless you're going to make trouble. Otherwise you might as well just make money or do something useful."

I was curious enough to ask about the house where he lives with the television producer Elizabeth Clough and their daughter Jessica, now three.

"It's of no interest: I do think you have to draw an absolutely clear line about what you are prepared to disclose in public. I'm happy to be pilloried for anything I may say on television or write in a book but the rest of it is nobody else's business."

Anthony Howard, reviewing Paxman's book on the Establishment, said one did not quite know whose side he was on. "Well, no one's ever voted for me, so my political views are neither here nor there, and I think they ought to be a mystery. Too much political journalism masquerades as reporting but is in fact rather blinkered advocacy." He was pleased to be denounced from the platform at the Tory conference as "not fit to sweep the gutter in which I belonged".

"I don't find voting very easy, do you? I do think we all ought to make a judgment, and voting should be compulsory. But the big divide in life is between those who can buy party philosophy, and the rest of us who like some things about these people, and some things about those."

He longs to combine his two interests in a television series on fishing and its role in world history, since he discovered that Cyril Ramaphosa of the ANC and Roelf Meyer of the National Party were both keen trout fishermen, who hammered out South Africa's new constitution on fishing trips together. He had suggested that fishing-mad Michael Mates might sit in a boat and discuss types of fly with Martin McGuinness, but Mates proved less than keen.

Byron thought fishing "the cruellest, the coldest and the stupidest of pretended sports". Slippery politicians, dangling on the end of Paxman's cunning line, might agree but the rest of us are rather grateful that he learnt through angling the pleasures of the chase, the challenge, and "the successful act of deceit".

The risks of putting Lucan on trial

A mock trial may satisfy television viewers but it could bring about a grave injustice, says **Giles Coren**

Unsolved murder mysteries never die, they just turn into television programmmes. Rumours that Jack Nicholson is to star in a film about Jack the Ripper prove that there is no time limit to the resuscitation of dead cases, and 1984's *Trial of Richard III* showed that a 500-year delay is no hindrance to the gathering of evidence. Enoch Powell, remember, was not daunted by a gap that spanned millennia when he acquitted the Romans in the case of the murdered Messiah.

By comparison with these historical rehashings, Granada's *The Trial of Lord Lucan*, on November 10, looks like a positively speedy response to the news that a peer of the realm has gone missing and is suspected of murdering the nanny.

Television trial addicts in Britain have always had to settle for second-best. In America, where viewers are treated to the real thing, trials like that of O.J. Simpson dominate the ratings. Here we must make do with misty memories of *Crown Court* and the occasional historical mock-up.

In 1988 LWT's *The Trial of Sir Roger Hollis* followed similar treatments of Richard III and Lee Harvey Oswald. And in 1991 *The Trials of Oz* recreated the famous case from the 1960s, attracting attention for the performance of Leslie Phillips as the judge rather than for its verisimilitude. Phillips had endeared himself to trial-watchers a year earlier, as Lord Lane in *Who Bombed Birmingham?*

Then there was *The Trial of Lady Chatterley* in 1980, with Edward Woodward as counsel for the prosecution. A *Sun* phone-poll voted three to one against its being aired on grounds of obscenity. But the television public, still deprived of cameras in court, are suckers for the fictional mock-up.

The Trial of Lord Lucan is taking itself seriously. Diverging from recorded fact at the moment when Lucan's abandoned car was discovered in Newhaven, the programme tells how the imperilled peer was actually found in the vehicle and arrested. Efforts have been made to present the sort of defence that Lucan might have used, and the jury has been selected "in the proper fashion" from the public. However, given the problems involved in selecting an unprejudiced jury for the Simpson case, it is difficult to imagine 12 British people with no opinions on Lucan.



Julian Wadham as Lucan

Furthermore, Granada is so desperate to keep the final verdict a secret that, in a style reminiscent of the Who Shot J.R.? mystery, they have filmed three possible outcomes, and only a select group of executives know which is to be aired.

It all seems harmless enough. The Lucan case has, after all, become a national joke. But Patrick Marnham, author of *Trail of Havoc*, which blames the murder on a hired hitman, is worried. "It is very dodgy indeed," he claims. "The police consider the case open, and still want to charge Lucan with the murder. This programme could prejudice the real trial when, and if, it eventually takes place. The programme-makers are assuming that he is dead, but public opinion swings very much the other way. Much of this stuff is *sub judice*."

"The original coroner's verdict, in June 1975, found Lucan guilty *in absentia*," Marnham says, "and as a result legislation was passed in 1977 to prevent coroners charging a person with murder. Now it is happening all over again."

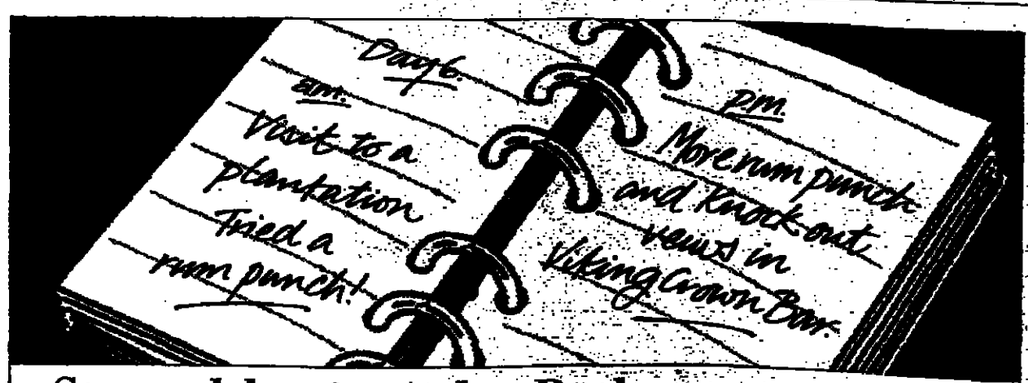
But the public loves its courtroom dramas and until we are privileged with true-life action of the Simpson kind, we will continue to put up with these flights of historical fancy, rubber bones to starving dogs though they undoubtedly are.



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LIBBY PURVES

IF I see one more weasel-faced motor salesman saying cars represent "personal freedom" I shall scream. I do 250 miles a week in my personal Alcatraz-on-wheels, 200 of which I would not do if there were a reliable alternative (some of it, ironically, is done purely because the fast roads are there in the first place: if they were not, I could let the children go to swimming-lessons on their bikes. Tell them that motor transport brings personal freedom, and they'll run over your foot).

This is a momentous time, a historic turning point, and we must not waste it in listening to car-dealers. It will be remembered as the moment when at last even a Conservative government began to understand that road transport has its limitations. Sir John Houghton's Royal Commission may not get its way, but it won't be handbagged with Thatcherite scorn this time. Common sense is dawning. So when voices are heard (as they must be heard) defending reasonable private car use, they should be the voices of reasonable private drivers. Not of self-seeking anoraks desperate at all costs to sell us more of the same. The trade, frankly, can shut up.

So can the all-or-nothing Greens, who would have us all biking to the supermarket and wobbling back through the rain with organic raffia rickshaws in tow. Their pious ultimatums get us nowhere. Of course there will always be cars: any fool can see that. The TV news the other night had the dumb idea of going to Sheffield — which has the best urban public transport in the country — and asking people *in a supermarket car-park* whether they would give up their cars. Of course, they wouldn't. Family shopping trips — like self-catering holidays — are exactly what the private car is best at. Carrying a week's dry-goods and tins home on the bus with a pushchair is a mug's game, even for Greens.

But suppose they had interviewed people in offices, at parties, at school gates; people cruising for parking-meters, queueing for over-priced NCPs, late for business appointments, stressed and snappish in strange towns. Suppose they had asked them: "Would you have liked to come here on a fast, cheap public conveyance, reading a book, and knowing that you could get home at any hour?" The answer would be, seven times out of ten: "You bet!" To solve the problem of too much private motoring, it is not necessary to remove people's freedom to drive. It is merely necessary to offer them another kind of freedom: a subsidised public system that works. Ken Livingstone proved that years ago when the GLC slashed Tube fares in London and (ask any middle-aged cabbie) measurably eased the traffic overhead. It was expensive, it was socialist, but by God it felt good.

Such an ethos will be hard to recover. Rural buses are pathetic, city park-and-ride is usually torpedoed by the unreliability of the ride bit: and our once superb railways are starved and mismanaged while ministers cosy-up to lorry lobbies and road construction companies. In a country with proper transport priorities, the signalmen's strike would have been treated from the start as a national emergency, as if the water had been cut off. Instead, we were left to sweat miserably on the roads through a long hot summer while Railtrack danced a pointless and ultimately expensive *pas de deux* with Mr Knapp.

When it is running "normally", the railway is increasingly dear and demoralised. Market forces do not work to its advantage. It is forced into catchpenny, self-destructive schemes like overcharging for inadequate amounts of station parking. Motorists from far-flung homes sometimes actually cruise round looking for space, then give up and drive to London instead (did it myself, once, in Colchester).

Get on the train, and it may still betray you. This week, I travelled from Suffolk to Clitheroe in Lancashire and back, using six trains. Two of them were more than 30 minutes late, each making me miss connections and lose another hour; only one of the others ran to time. The whole exercise cost more than 60 quid, and in a car I could have done it for half and been home two hours earlier. Feeling terrible, admittedly; but you feel pretty terrible after freezing on Preston station while a loudspeaker talks gibberish about trains "experiencing difficulties" as if they were in therapy, and even more terrible after sprinting across London on a filthy Underground to miss the departure after the one you originally wanted.

WHICH is a shame: because when it works well, public transport is actually a very comforting, uplifting, socially bonding thing to use. It is the classless society, society at work and in harmony: a symbol of national co-operation and cohesion. You can even cure bouts of depression, so I have found, by abandoning your steamy, neurotic little car and plugging yourself in to the supportive fabric of society in the form of a local train. Decent, proud, integrated public transport would do us all good on more levels than the merely pulmonary.

It would certainly be a better way of celebrating the millennium than any daft obelisk. Or, if you like, a better way of honouring Victorian values than fixing the Albert Memorial.

Turning in their graves

There is no peace for the wicked — conspiracy theorists keep digging them up. **Ben Macintyre** reports

"The grave's a fine and private place," wrote Andrew Marvell, but he reckoned without the advances in forensic science which have made the bodies of the dead the latest, ghoulish focus of historical research.

The good, the bad and the simply notorious no longer have the privilege of taking their secrets to the tomb. Instead they must surrender what remains of their earthly shells for DNA testing, chemical analysis, and thus historical revision.

The most recent candidate for exhumation is John Wilkes Booth, who shot Abraham Lincoln in the presidential box at Ford's Theatre on April 14, 1865.

After killing the President, Booth leapt on to the stage, breaking his leg, and shouted: "Sic semper tyrannis", before escaping into the night. According to contemporary accounts, 12 days later, after his leg had been set by a Maryland doctor while he was on the run, Booth was cornered in a burning tobacco barn in Virginia and shot to death by federal troops.

This week 22 descendants of the Booth family and two historians filed suit seeking to exhume the body from a cemetery in Baltimore, claiming that instead of catching Booth the federal troops had summarily executed an innocent man, allowing the assassin to escape.

Some of Booth's relatives maintained he lived on for 38 years, finally dying of old age in Oklahoma in 1903, after which his mummified body was said to have been displayed as the "presidential assassin" in carnivals across the US.

The petitioners argue that with forensic tests they can establish the age, sex and race of the man shot in the tobacco barn, and most importantly examine the skeleton for evidence of the tell-tale broken leg that could confirm Booth's last resting place.

But while science may help to solve historical riddles, some fear that forensics has spawned a new wave of pseudo-history in which the graves of the famous dead are being plundered on the basis of myth, to bolster conspiracy theory or simply to feed a public taste for the macabre.

In the last few years, a morbid parade of American notables has been unearthed to tell their tales from the crypt: President Zachary Taylor; Carl Weiss, the man believed to have killed the famed Louisiana politician Huey Long; the parents of Lizzie Borden, who received 40 whacks each according to the ditty; and even America's favourite cannibal, Alferd [sic] Packer, accused of killing and devouring five fellow prospectors seeking gold in the mountains of Colorado in 1874.

America's current fascination with conspiracy theory has led to the craze for exhumation, for beneath almost every forensic investigation lies the suspicion that the truth has been hidden for nefarious ends. The accounts of contemporaries, the work of scholars, the accepted version of events is no longer sufficient: only science is believable.

In most cases, however, the results are either inconclusive, or simply reaffirm what was already known, while bolstering the impression of conspiracy.

The case of Zachary Taylor, America's twelfth President and one of the least distinguished holders of that title, is a case in point. On July 4, 1850, after performing an official ceremony, President Taylor returned to his Washington home where he ate a bowl of cherries and drank a glass of chilled buttermilk. An hour later he was taken violently ill, and within a few days he was dead.

Had he been poisoned by cherries laced with arsenic? No one thought so at the time, but with hindsight Taylor's opposition to slavery and the fact that his death rebounded to the advantage of his Vice-President, Millard Fillmore, set the cogs of conspiracy churning.

In 1991 Taylor was exhumed, his tissue samples were bombarded with neutrons, and forensic experts pronounced: the President had not been poisoned. Yet by now the suspicion of wrong-doing was firmly planted and the once-obscure Zachary Taylor had become, to many, a victim of pro-slavery forces.

The scientific investigation into the killing of Huey Long was equally prompted by what columnist Charles Krauthammer, writing in *The Washington Post*, called "the eternal quest for the satisfaction that comes from conspiracy uncovered". Long, or "The Kingfish" as he was popularly known, was a potential Democratic candidate for president in 1935 when he was shot down, apparently by Carl Weiss, a 29-year-old doctor, who was in turn killed by a hail of gunfire from Long's bodyguards.

Weiss's motives have never been clearly established, hatching rumours that he may not have acted alone, or that he was a fall-guy, or that it was, in fact, a bodyguard's bullet that had terminated the career of the US senator and former Louisiana governor.

In October 1991, Weiss was duly exhumed, ostensibly to see whether he had a brain tumour or drugs in his system that could account for his murderous behaviour. The autopsy provided little conclusive proof of anything other than the efficiency of Long's bodyguards: Weiss was shot at least 23 times. Yet it allowed willing believers to conclude that the seemingly solid case against Weiss was now surrounded by doubt.

Historians and scientists are now preparing to peer into the grave of John Wilkes Booth, hoping to find conspiracy there too. If this proves not to be the assassin's body, then what happened at Garrett's Farm on April 26, 1865? Already there has been speculation that an innocent man was killed to allow Booth to escape, suggesting in turn a government plot to kill Lincoln.

A more likely explanation, of course, would simply be that Booth was saved by a case of mistaken identity, but nothing is ever accidental for those who roam the grassy knolls of American history.

> Nothing is ever accidental in American history

Forensic science can now tell us much about our predecessors: what they ate, how they lived and how they died. But it cannot tell us what they thought or why they acted, and the danger is that by seeking the absolute proofs offered, but seldom delivered, by science, the probable is often ignored in favour of the merely possible.

Veteran forensic expert Clyde Snow, who has worked on such celebrated cases as the exhumation of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, also has doubts about the propriety of grave-digging history.

"I don't know that just because somebody out there has some doubts about what happened, we should jump in and dig people up," he says.

In *The Devil's Dictionary* the American writer, Ambrose Bierce, offered this definition: "Grave *n.* A place in which the dead are laid to await the coming of the medical student"; now followed, in succession, by the history student, the conspiracist and an avid public.

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Abraham Lincoln and, right, John Wilkes Booth, his assassin: now Booth's descendants want the body exhumed

On the trail of a gummed shoe

Our streets are an obstacle course of filthy, discarded chewing-gum

Over the last two or three years a new plague has hit our city streets: the plague of chewing-gum. Look down at your feet in any street that draws the crowds, and you will see the pavement covered with large, raised black spots, often dribbling at the edges. They consist of discarded lumps of chewing-gum, flattened by endless shoes and covered with hardened dirt and detritus. They adhere to the paving stones more firmly than limpets.

What is being done about the new spotty London and other cities? Alan Cook, the Divisional Director (Cleansing) in the City of Westminster thinks not only that the plague is increasing, but also that it is made more conspicuous by new lighter-coloured stones. Since new paving-stones were laid in Oxford Street and Leicester Square ten months ago, the Council has had to blitz them twice to remove the gum.

The council has been experimenting with different methods. One is called cryogenesis — shooting frozen ice particles at the pavements. They have also tried various chemicals. But Mr Cook still thinks that the simplest and most effective technique is shooting hot water at the spots under pressure — although this leaves white spots where the gum has been removed.

Westminster is now specially converting two vehicles that will keep up a steady "gum-buster" service. But, said Mr Cook, "it will be like painting the Forth Bridge".

Camden and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea are less worried. The Camden cleansing department said there had been no complaints from the public. The roadsweepers have instructions to scrape off chewing-gum — but as they are only allowed a limited time for each street that is not always possible. (This reminded me of an occasion when I had noticed a roadsweeper wielding his broom rather perfunctorily in Camden High Street. When I asked him about this, he said indignantly: "I've only got time to sweep, you can't expect me to polish.")

In the Royal Borough, they are not taking any particular action yet, though they have been talking to other boroughs, and have also tackled Wrigleys, which is considering whether a less adhesive gum would still be chewable.

Of course, chewing-gum qualifies as litter, and spitting it out is an offence against the by-laws. But, as Mr Cook said to me, "When do you ever see anyone doing it?" Controlling the chewing crowds with eagle-eyed wardens does not seem feasible. At Kensington, they wondered if the undoubted increase was due to people chewing instead of smoking. Certainly, fewer cigarette butts are being swept up.

Whatever the reasons, it is important for other councils to follow Westminster's lead. Otherwise all the improvements we are trying to bring about in our city landscapes are just going to sit on a horribly spotty stage.

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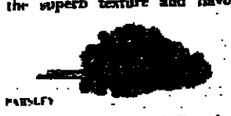
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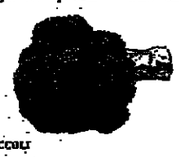
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Philip Howard



■ Hoggishness is next to cleanliness, but beware the porkier than thou

From the farmyard, a cry was heard. "Comrades! It really is human," said Napoleon. "This time men have slurped over the trough in their libels on other animals. They suffer from chronic speciesism and project their own vices and weaknesses onto the rest of us. In their present hysteria over sleaze they are going the whole hogwash and behaving like the unfortunate Gadarene swine, who, according to their Scriptures, were treated so unfairly. In the past week their newspapers have printed dozens of scurrilous cartoons depicting greedy Members of Parliament as pigs, scores of references to the cruel and unnatural practice of the pork-barrel, which is obsolete in its literal though not, oink oink, its metaphorical sense in the stockyards of America, and hundreds of insulting allusions to snouts and troughs."

"Oh be careful!" squealed Squeaker, skipping from side to side and whisking his tail. "Remember, Walls have ears."

"Indeed they do, comrade," replied Napoleon solemnly. "And those are parts of us that they put in their unspeakable s******s. They boast that they find a use for every bit of a pig except its squeal. Even your pretty tail, Squeaker. When it comes to decrying tasteless appetites, men are as hypocritical as Berkshires calling Large Whites black."

"But they are as out-of-date in their references to troughs as they are when they talk about pork-barrels," grunted Snowball. "Any visitor to a farm in the past 40 years knows that troughs went out when factory-farming came in. None of you young porkers has ever slurped swill out of a communal trough as we used to in the good old days. Today, as you know, we each get a carefully weighed individual portion of expensive protein pellets in our own private bowls. We are kept in separate cages at feeding-time to prevent any pig hogging another's share — though from what I read, such greed is more a human than a hoggish tendency."

"Human insensitivity to the other animals who share the planet really does bring home the bacon," said Napoleon.

"Four rashers bad, two rashers better," bleated, mooed, grunted and clucked the other animals, in a flurry of alarm.

"I think you mean it takes the biscuit, comrade," said Squeaker.

"What do they mean by that?" asked one of the piglets.

"Taking the biscuit or piece of cake suggests that one of them has come first or carried off the honours by getting a bigger helping of especially delicious food. But to make a joke about having to enter a real biscuit in the farm records upsets the humourless humans because it takes the crackling out of their hypocrisy."

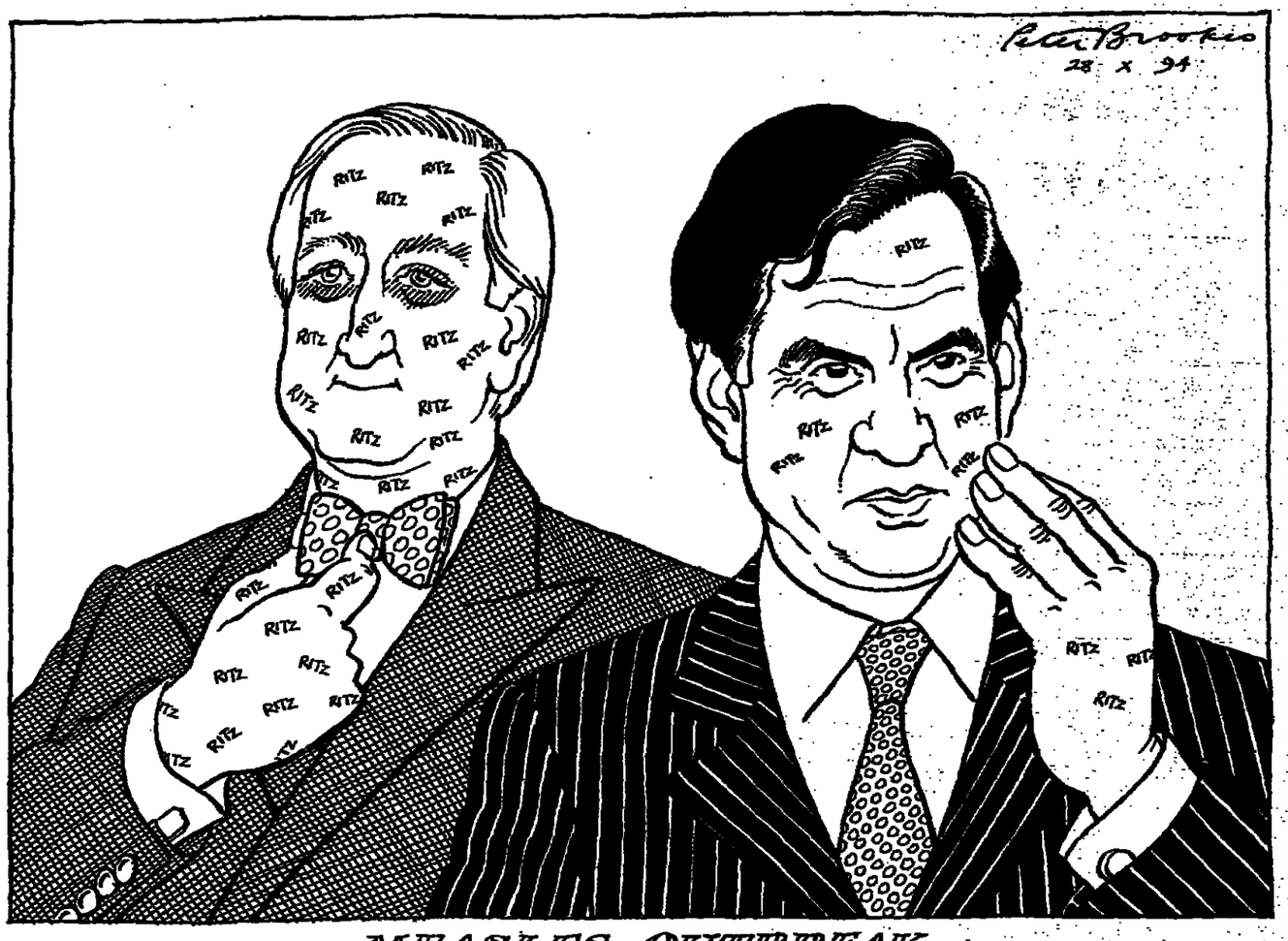
"And why do they use us as examples of uncleanliness?" squeaked the nervous piglet. "They were saying the other day that a £229 dinner and a £39.75 cleaning bill suggested Freeby Hamilton was a very messy eater."

"More projecting of human nature onto pigs," grunted Napoleon. "Anybody who has visited Animal Farm knows we keep our sleeping area clean, and mess only in the place provided. They are even letting some of us out into the fields again, away from our cages, to rootle for mast to our hearts' content as we used to in the days of merry old Pigland, and sleep at night in clean yurts."

"Men are irrational in their animal metaphors," said Snowball. "They select for opprobrium not just clever pigs and rats, but the tidy jackal, the gentle skunk, the useful worm and the philoprogenitive viper. Wolves do not whistle, and are not, as humans go, philanderers, being straight-laced pack creatures. Even the dog, that shameless and faithful lobbyist of humans, gets a bad name. And the bitch attracts an even worse press, which is sexist as well as animalist."

"Their language is crippled with bias against other animals," grunted Napoleon. "They scratch our backs in a patronising way, but we never get to scratch theirs. Their greasy palm is another cannibal kitchen metaphor that we find disgusting. Since their language pushes me that way, I am thinking of standing for Parliament."

And the creatures looked at pig, and listened to grunt metaphors, and thought that already it was impossible to tell the difference between pig and politician.



MEASLES OUTBREAK

Lies, sadism, torture

Refugees from Saddam have found only further persecution in Saudi Arabia

Bernard Levin

I promised you three consecutive dispatches from the front — the front, that is, of monstrous cruelty, of implacable tyrants, of liars always at hand to rub out the truth. First was Tibet, second was Indonesia, today it is Saudi Arabia; three very different peoples in three very different continents, but all brothers and sisters in oppression. And I wish I could say, having written the three, that there will never be more cries of the downtrodden, the tortured, the wantonly killed. Some hopes.

At the end of the Gulf War, many thousands of members of the Iraqi armed forces surrendered to the Allies. Voluntary repatriation still left huge numbers refusing to go home, not surprisingly, and these were augmented by Iraqi civilians who had fled from Iraq. At first, the Saudi state behaved well; the refugees were held in camps and were called "welcome guests". But it was not long before the Saudi treatment of the refugees turned the "welcome guests" into men and women who went literally in fear of their lives.

One invariably sound clue to repression is the refusal of the suspects to throw open their gates and let impartial inspectors examine claims and counter-claims. In this case, the telltale clue was the Saudi refusal to let Amnesty International examine the situation in the refugee camps.

I should add, though it is quite clear, that those who do not want their evil deeds exposed are very well trained in the art of hoodwinking, but that Amnesty, and one or two equally meticulous American organisations, are even better at sniffing out the hoodwinkers — which, of course, is the reason that Amnesty was not allowed to examine the real situation of those who had suffered and those who suffer still.

So when the Saudi authorities wrote a letter to *The Times* in which a number of genuinely respectable figures were quoted saying that they had seen the camps, and commended the Saudis for the tender care of the refugees, I did not expect to see an Amnesty inspector in the list of those who had been shown round the Potemkin camps. And do you know, there wasn't one!

Let us start mildly with an introduction to Artawiyya camp, one of the two terribly feared places (the other being Rafha). "The conditions could best be described as prison-like, with the refugees living in locked cages and being subjected to beatings and other forms of abuse... The military barracks... unit was made up of a number of tents, one of which was apparently used to interrogate and torture the detainees."

And this is how it was done. "The victims have described systematic beatings all over the body... the administration of electric shocks... some have also endured *ta'liq* (hanging by the wrists from the ceiling...), *falaqa* (beating on the soles of the feet) and deprivation of sleep for prolonged periods. Such methods of torture are known to have been used against political opponents in Saudi Arabia."

I bet they have.

And they could try it on Ali Muhsin Abu-Zahara; indeed, they did, thus: "They made me take off my clothes and threatened me with rape... beatings all over the body ... being jolted by an electrified rod ... being urinated on."

He was one of the lucky ones: Muhammad Khudhayr Mubarak Tu'ma was one of the others. "He was taken outside... stripped of his clothes and beaten all over his body... he protested by saying 'Either freedom or death'. As punishment for this, his interrogators sewed his lips together. He was then forced to crawl on his stomach with his hands tied behind his back, and was simultaneously beaten with cables for over two hours. As a result, Muhammad Tu'ma was no longer able to move and was dragged back into a tent by the guards."

One of his co-prisoners took up the story. "By nightfall, Muhammad kept screaming 'I want an ambulance'... I lost consciousness and when I came to Muhammad was no longer making any sound ... Soon after, about 30 soldiers arrived ... Lieutenant [name unknown] who was in charge of our torture kicked Muhammad to see if he was dead. He then picked up an electric rod and 'electrocuted' Muhammad all over his body seven or eight times. He then lit up a cigarette and extinguished a cigarette on his stomach."

Hundreds of Iraqi refugees have been forcibly returned to places where they face grave human rights violations. According to the US Committee for Refugees, at least 3,387 Iraqis were repatriated. A thousand or more refugees were forced to sign papers "consenting" to repatriation, and then returned to Iraq. Some of them may have been killed; others were arrested or detained.

In a letter dated September 26, 1993 and smuggled out of Ar'ar Prison to Amnesty International, Karim Muhammad, one of the detainees, stated: "... we were originally 53 individuals. The Saudis used many different methods to force us to return to Iraq. Some of us were sent back forcibly and we now are 37. We were visited by a representative of the United Nations who informed us that the Saudis have decided either to send us back to Iraq or to keep us in prison for an indefinite period ... How can you help us?"

By now, my readers (those, that is, who are still not sick) must feel that they have had enough, and more than enough, of these horrors, and that it is no use my saying that the people whose plight I am writing about are suffering dreadfully, because they — my readers — can do nothing about it. And indeed most of them can't. Nor can I. But at least I can share with you a joke — albeit a horribly dark one — and I offer it now to those who have been waiting for something lighter. It comes from the UN and it runs (all the upper-case letters are from the the official text, not my sense of humour) like this:

> The UN Declaration on the Protection of All Persons from Being Subjected to Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Declaration against Torture) requires every state to "take effective measures to prevent torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment from being practised within its jurisdiction" (Article 4), including conducting prompt and impartial investigations, whenever there is reasonable ground to believe that an act of torture has been committed (Article 9) or when a complaint has been made (Article 8), to exclude torture-induced confessions (Article 15), and to provide compensation and rehabilitation of victims of torture (Article 11) and to bring to justice those responsible (Article 10). Any statement established to have been made as a result of torture may not be invoked as evidence against the person concerned (Article 12).

Now I am sorry to burden you with matters that concern a quarrel in a far-away country between people of whom we know nothing, but when the people involved have not only the superior force, but all the force for many miles around, it behoves me to point out that there is a huge, numberless crowd of poor, frightened, tortured, cast-out, perpetually threatened people whose only crime was to get caught up in other people's battles, and that those who have brought about this wickedness are now claiming that no such thing has ever happened.

Is the world now ripe for destruction? When we contemplate the hecatombs of corpses in and around Rwanda, when we are told that Pol Pot is not only alive but in business again, when we read of savage murderers with no purpose in their murders but to impose their belief that only one form of Islam (to say nothing of all the other religions in the world) may exist, when many millions have not enough to eat and many hundreds of thousands have nothing at all to eat — can we then be sure that the world will not soon be drowned again, but this time with no Ark?

Amid all that, you may think that the beating and torturing of Iraqis by Saudi Arabian soldiers is pretty small beer; and so it is, unless, of course, you are an Iraqi being beaten and tortured. And then people like me have to listen to claims that there are no such people as Saudi beaters and torturers in the camps.

I stand by Amnesty International, which says nothing in guesswork, nothing in revenge, nothing careless, nothing without a pile of evidence. The Saudis have long known that evidence — how could they not have known, considering that it indicts the Saudis themselves? I cannot stop a single Saudi blow on the back of a single tortured Iraqi. But what I can do — little enough — is to tell anyone who will listen that the truth is with the tortured and the lies are with torturers.

Old foes but new friends

Douglas Hurd makes common cause with France

Among the millions of British people wise enough to take their holidays in France, there are many each year who pause to reflect, as they make their way back through Northern France, on some of the milestones of the military history of the two nations. They may stop at the memorial arch to the missing at Thiepval or look at the fragments of Mulberry Harbour still lying off the beach at Arromanches. They may stop at the monument beside the field of Agincourt. They probably reflect on the hundreds of years of military endeavour and tradition which once divided but have more recently united Britain and France in the defence of their interests.

For both of our countries those interests are global. We are European countries with a reach far beyond Europe. We have interests in trade, and investments in all regions of the world. We have our territorial responsibilities, and duties as permanent members of the UN Security Council. We must build on the substantial co-operation we already have, both in policy, as we continue to reshape the institutions which have defended us since the Second World War, and in practice, putting our forces at the service of European defence and the Atlantic alliance.

New partnerships are being forged between the British and French armed forces. We have put action in hand to make sure that our air forces can work more closely. Last month we signed a partnership agreement between the British Field Army and the French Force Action Rapide. Under this partnership, joint training of French and British soldiers, joint exercises and joint planning will be more frequent and more natural. Regiments which may once have faced each other at Blenheim or Waterloo are now thinking and acting together.

But there is much more to it than this, as I am sure the Commander of Force Action Rapide would be the first to tell you. He is General Philippe Morillon, who until January commanded the UN Protection Force in Bosnia. Having had both French and British troops under his command in Bosnia, he knows already how close familiarity and co-operation can help deployments in the field.

I need remind nobody here of the contribution that Britain and France are making together to the work of the Protection Force in Bosnia, but effective co-operation in European security will in future be about more than doing things together militarily. We will be acting together in policy too.

In July this year, Alain Juppé and I agreed to show our shared commitment to peace in Bosnia. We could not by ourselves claim to constitute a "Force Action Rapide", but we agreed that the time was right to urge the leaders in Zagreb, in Belgrade and in Pale to accept the contact group's peace plan. We flew out together, we thought, spoke and acted together. As representatives of the two largest European troop contributors, we were speaking with one voice.

During those days in Sarajevo, Pale and Belgrade, the two of us were able to speak almost as if we were members of the same government, supporting one another's presentations, briefing one another's press. Our staffs and the people we spoke to were surprised how far this went. This was possible because for month after month the two of us had worked together on Bosnia, as had our diplomats and soldiers. We played our part in the welcome change of policy by President Milosevic. It was an experiment that succeeded. It was an experience I would be glad to repeat.

At last year's Franco-British summit, we decided to continue our dialogue on nuclear defence policy. Already, we have found that our views on the roles and rationale of nuclear defence in the post-Cold-War world are closer than we had assumed. Any definition of a European defence policy would be incomplete without the nuclear dimension, and that would be meaningless without France and Britain.

Much hard work is needed on the relationship between the core institutions of European security: the European Union, the North Atlantic Alliance and the Western European Union. We have to agree a flexible basis on which these organisations can act in a complementary and harmonious way. In all this there is a danger that we may lose sight of our interests and responsibilities in the wider world. But our actions in the Gulf War, and the ten thousand and more French and British troops in peacekeeping operations around the world should leave no one in any doubt of the readiness of Britain and France to roll up our sleeves and get stuck in.

Together, we have given the UN Secretary-General a full account of the assets and people we can put at his disposal in preventive diplomacy. Since then, both Prime Minister Balladur and I have suggested more ideas to promote peace in Africa by enhancing that continent's own conflict-prevention and peacekeeping capacities.

The history of past centuries tended to divide us. The history of this century brings us together. Not enough people in either country have grasped the essential fact that in our interests, in our assets, in our view of Europe, in our hopes and fears for the outside world, there are no two substantial countries so similar as France and Britain.

This article is based upon the Foreign Secretary's speech this week to the Franco-British Council.

Open Arms

BORIS YELTSIN is taking his drinking talk to the top diplomatic tables. He has been regaling world leaders with enthusiastic accounts of the happy hour he spent with John Major in the Chequers' local.

The Russian President's lasting impression of Britain, following his visit last month, is of the warm welcome he received at the Bernard Arms in Kimble. The pub is where he and the Prime Minister pitched up after a country walk with their wives.

United Nations Secretary-General Boutros Boutros Ghali and his wife Lea heard the Yeltsin pub story first-hand — and at some length. On Boutros Ghali's trip to Britain this week, Lea explained that at a recent dinner with the Yeltsins in New York, Boris could talk of little other than his pint of Canadian lager in the cosy atmosphere of the bar. According to my scout, he repeated "Chequers" and "pub" over and over again, raising his glass with a fond look of recollection in his eyes.

Pierre Gray, the pub's landlord, is far from surprised at the Russian enthusiasm. He believes Major should entertain at his bar more often. "I'm delighted Yeltsin is spreading the word. It's a shame Mr and Mrs Boutros Ghali couldn't get up here when they were at Chequers, but the door is always open. There would be a free drink on the house, as long as they didn't roll up with an entourage of twenty or thirty."

● *A topical note was again sounded at Tuesday night's performance of the English National Opera's* Magic Flute *at the Coliseum. Prince Tamino was urged to undergo various trials of strength and skill to win the hand of Pamina — or risk "thunder, lightning and ... allegations of sleaze".*



Sized up

EUROPEAN absurdities have reached new heights in Brussels. Two years of exhaustive research into a standard size for condoms by the EC Committee on Standardisation have amounted to nothing. Euro-sceptics are furious.

Sir Teddy Taylor, chief Euro-basher and MP for Southend, wrote yesterday to Kenneth Clarke to demand an explanation. "I have written saying that the amount of cash tied up in absurd and costly proposals such as these on condoms and flying-saucers is ridiculous. I would like to tell the EC to jump off Southend pier."

The EC committee arrived at an average length (six-and-a-half inches) and has recommended an optimum condom size. But it also reached a predictable conclusion. No standard size can be enforced.

Ask away

THE LATEST antics of the Prince of Wales have at last been recognised in the entertainment industry. He has been crowned the king of trivia. For the first time there are more questions about him in the quiz game Trivial Pursuits than there are about his mother.

His influence on the 1995 edition does not stop there, either. Camilla Parker Bowles is the subject of questions for the first time. The Prince can at least glory in the limelight on this occasion. There are but 20 questions about the Princess of Wales, compared to 35 about the heir to the throne.

Sent packing

SOFT-SPOKEN lobbyist Ian Greer, enmeshed in the cash-for-questions affair after allegations by Harrods boss Mohamed Al-Fayed, received a surprise package in the post on Wednesday. It was a Harrods' brochure.

This was no attempt by the Knightsbridge store to woo the lobbyist after so upsetting him. It was simply the kind of post that any Harrods account-holder can expect. Needless to say, Greer stuffed the brochure back in its envelope and put it back in the post marked "Return to sender".

● *Nicholas Snowman was lost on Tuesday in the South Bank Centre where he is chief executive. After a dinner in the Hayward Gallery following the* Times *forum on German Romanticism, he led guests into a dead end. "I am always getting lost in here," he said. "I have to get my staff to show me out. It's as good a reason as any to redesign the centre."*

Fair mayor

CIVIC dignitaries throughout Britain are rushing to their vanity mirrors after a flying visit from a mayor from Venezuela. She was crowned Miss Universe in 1981, she is soaring in popularity polls back home, and many have tipped her as a future president.

Irene Saez Conde, mayoress of Chacao in Caracas, has been on a whistlestop tour of Britain to pick up municipal tips on fire services, police, dustmen and such like. She admits her looks have helped her political progress.

"It means I am well-known because I have appeared on television many times," she says. "Some people say politics is a tough game and I am too soft. But I believe in myself." So, too, did her stocky female chaperone: "We say back home that she is a plane. A 747. She is taking off."



Vote for Irene

● *While Tory Blair is determined to emasculate the House of Lords, his wife may feel differently. Yesterday, Cherie Booth and her fellow barristers were seen lunching in the Upper House dining room (venison a speciality), where I am told she is a regular.*

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CHARM OFFENSIVE

The Foreign Secretary sees the future on French fields

Douglas Hurd has employed for France words more normally reserved for the Anglo-American relationship. In their "hopes and fears for the outside world", in their interests and even in their "view of Europe", no two "substantial" countries, he said, were "more similar than France and Britain". Mr Hurd was addressing the Franco-British Council: but even allowing for the inclination to tailor words to an audience, the Foreign Secretary was claiming an expanse of common ground as glittering as the Field of the Cloth of Gold. In some respects it was also as illusory.

Even when operating as allies against a common threat, the nations of Burke and Descartes, of Colbert and Adam Smith are conditioned by history and culture to a mutual distrust of each other's motives. This has often done real damage; in the 1920s and 1930s, British scepticism about French fears of Germany's military revival contributed to the failure of the League of Nations. Nationalism, strong in both, has divided them. Their different concepts of the State lead to different attitudes to market forces. More pertinently for Britain's need for a "flexible" European Union, France's current leaders have made a point of playing down the influence that Britain, outside the Franco-German "core", can expect.

Mr Hurd admitted that his slow tide of converging interest has some way to move before it fills "the estuary of public perception" — in either country, he could have added. Yet his words should not be read as diplomatic platitudes. The fine phrases were carefully designed to assist the Government's determined pursuit of an ambitious strategic objective: that of ensuring that however the "defence identity" of the European Union evolves, it is securely rooted in Nato.

Bill Clinton's endorsement of a common European defence at Nato last January has had a profound impact on military thinking, in France as well as Britain. Whatever else the EU inter-governmental conference in 1996 may hold in store — and almost everything is still to be determined — that shift in American policy has put defence and security policies firmly to the fore.

The precise relationship to Nato of that defence discussion group, the Western European Union (WEU), suddenly matters. And here there are marked signs of a genuine convergence between London and Paris. Britain can hardly continue to argue that Europeans must be careful not to alienate Washington by banding together at the expense of Nato. On the contrary, American commitment to Nato could now be said to hinge at least partly on a defined European capacity to handle threats to security on the continent.

Britain's key objective is now therefore to woo France away from the Franco-German concept of defence based on such politically motivated entities as the Eurocorps, semi-detached from Nato. The alternative, one which is indissoluble from the Nato command structure even if it bears the WEU acronym, is much more feasible now the US domination of Nato warps French policy far less than it did. French participation at the recent Nato meeting in Seville shows changing attitudes. More French politicians are now coming to see Nato as ballast against German political weight.

Above all, Mr Hurd claims, involvement in the Gulf and Bosnia has convinced both France and Britain that an effective "military core" to the EU will depend on them: they are the only European powers with serious capability and the will to use it. Mr Hurd fears that the 1996 debate will become "hypnotised by the interlocking of elaborate institutions". In seeking to redirect the focus to Europe's place in the wider world, he may also hope to win France to Britain's goal of enlarging the EU eastward. But every idea emanating from London, however sensible, will be filtered through a fine mesh of Gallic scepticism. The Foreign Secretary should have no illusions about the magnitude of the task of persuasion he has set himself.

OUT OF THE PIT

The Prime Minister has yet to escape his predicament

The cash-for-questions affair continues to generate more questions than answers. In the Commons yesterday, John Major attempted to present himself as a man of clear conscience, determined to brush aside demands for further investigations and greater openness. Yet by publishing Sir Robin Butler's inquiry into the controversy and setting up the Nolan committee on standards in public life, the Prime Minister has whetted the public's appetite for the truth. This appetite is not yet satisfied: indeed, it is stimulated daily.

Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, took advantage of Treasury questions yesterday to ask Jonathan Aitken, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, about his bill at the Ritz hotel in Paris last year. Though many MPs thought this a mischievous tactic, Mr Aitken seemed happy to respond. It is regrettable, therefore, that he did not go into greater detail in denying the allegation that at least part of his bill was paid for by a Saudi businessman. His reticence has merely prolonged the atmosphere of doubt.

The Cabinet Secretary's report on the allegations made by Mohamed Al-Fayed, the owner of Harrods, now occupies a crucial place in the whole affair. It is particularly regrettable — and symbolic of the current disorder in political life — that the word of the Cabinet Secretary should be regarded as insufficient by the Opposition. No political system can survive without at least a minimal assumption of trust in its officials, ministers and elected representatives.

Much still needs to be done on the Government side to strengthen this assumption. It may be, in practice, that the Cabinet Secretary is no longer the right person to conduct such investigations. The Cabinet Office was invented by Lloyd George as the discreet cerebral centre of Government, rather than as a public tribunal. The Cabinet Secretary is expected to be a uniquely impartial figure, capable of advising the Prime Minister on matters of the utmost sensitivity in complete confidence. Publishing this advice transforms the position of the Cabinet Secretary from confidant to judge. If the findings of such investigations are to be disclosed in future, it must be asked whether he is the right person to carry them out. The embarrassment caused to Sir Robin by this controversy may strengthen the case for the Nolan committee to assume a limited investigative role in due course.

The Prime Minister also needs to clarify his decision to refer to the Director of Public Prosecutions details of a meeting between himself and an alleged envoy of Mr Al-Fayed on September 29. The relevant papers have now been passed on to a senior police officer. Mr Major should explain why it took him so long to pass these papers to the DPP and what grounds he had for believing that the person he met was indeed representing Mr. Al-Fayed, who vigorously denies that this was the case. To all these questions there may be perfectly legitimate answers. But the longer they go unanswered, the less easy it will be for the Government to extract itself from the pit of rumour and doubt.

COURTS AND THE CITIZEN

Judicial review has grown bigger: it must now get better

If the creation of a system of administrative law is the pre-eminent achievement of the English courts in the postwar era, judicial review of administrative action is the central feature of that system. If Parliament and the courts pay heed to the latest recommendations of the Law Commission, published yesterday, the effectiveness of this "citizen's weapon" will be further enhanced.

Dicey, no longer the presiding deity of our Constitution, would have regarded these views as blasphemy. But the great Victorian, to quote a distinguished modern critic, "misconceived the nature of representative democracy". With the growth of executive power, judicial review has emerged as a necessary counterweight — whose political vim is matched by its jurisprudential elegance.

By their supervision of public bodies, the courts control administrative action and restrain the abuse of power. Judicial review is deployed in areas ranging from housing, health, education and planning, to immigration, race and sex discrimination, prisoners' rights and industrial relations. The ideological thread by which the courts tie these issues together is the need to vindicate the rights of citizens. Judicial review is rooted in the rule of law, a political doctrine which is wider than the principle of legality alone.

The Law Commission has focused on three policy issues: the importance of ensuring that public bodies take only lawful decisions; the need for speed and certainty in administrative decision-making; and the interest of litigants in obtaining effective remedies. Apart from seeking to make procedures more "user-friendly", by the abolition of much Latin terminology, the Law Commission has made a number of valuable proposals. Of greatest interest, in this age of pressure groups, is the recommendation that "unincorporated associations" should be permitted to make applications for judicial review in their own name. As the report points out, it would be "a considerable inconvenience" if all pressure groups had to form themselves into limited companies solely for the purpose of judicial review.

The proposal that there should be statutory provision for interim relief against ministers and government departments is welcome, as it would consolidate the decision of the House of Lords in *Re M*. The most audacious recommendation, however, is that the High Court be empowered to make "advisory declarations" by way of judicial review. These would help citizens to know where they stand, which is part of the public interest in good administration; and public authorities faced with the interpretation of complex laws — particularly EC laws — could turn to an authoritative guide.

Where the report can be criticised is in its failure to recommend reform of the rules on discovery. Given the adversarial nature of legal proceedings, and the fact that the relevant evidence tends to be in the hands of the respondent public body, the present rules relating to discovery are too unkind to applicants for judicial review. Reform of judicial review cannot ignore this issue.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Ethical issues and rubella vaccine

From the President of the National Board of Catholic Women

Sir, At a meeting of the National Board of Catholic Women, a consultative body to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, on October 22, the board's Episcopal Liaison, Bishop Vincent Malone, stated that there was no moral obligation for parents to refuse rubella vaccine for their children because of its original link with two aborted foetuses, just as there is no moral obligation to refuse a transplantation using the organs from a murdered man.

The man was not murdered in order to obtain the organs nor were the babies in question aborted in order to produce a vaccine. The majority of women at that meeting agreed with this line of argument.

Many women would feel that a parent's desire to make what is a gesture against abortion was of less importance than the welfare of their children when it is a question of protecting them against a disease which could involve the high risk of death or severe handicap to their future offspring.

To consent to using the vaccine in no way condones abortion. It would be unfortunate if Catholic parents were led to reconsider their consent to their children being vaccinated because of recent publicity (report, October 26).

Yours etc,
MARY BROGAN, President,
National Board of Catholic Women,
34 Park Road, Disley, Cheshire.
October 26.

From Professor T. E. J. Healy

Sir, Forty years ago, the late Jack Hunt, Professor of Physiology at Guy's Hospital, taught his medical students that, because some experiments on the effects of dehydration had been carried out by inhuman practices on Jews in concentration camps, it would be unethical, however expedient, to use the information obtained.

If we now accept as ethical the use of aborted human tissue to develop vaccines for the benefit of other members of the human race, would we not be returning in spirit to the Gestapo laboratories and following a path that could in due time lead to our condoning the use of human material such as organs taken from other unwanted humans, those perhaps who need expensive care, not least the elderly as their numbers grow?

The ethic which protects the sanctity of all human life is one which we must defend, however compelling the arguments of current expediency. We must not close our minds to the enormity of what is being done in our name.

Yours etc,
T. E. J. HEALY,
University of Manchester,
Department of Anaesthesia,
Manchester Royal Infirmary,
Oxford Road, Manchester 13.
October 26.

Blood transfusion

From Councillor Mrs E. Orr

Sir, When I went to give blood recently two ladies in front of me disclosed that they were from a large company in Gloucester which the Blood Transfusion Service visits. It had been unable to cope with the numbers there and had had to turn about 50 away.

The receptionist at my session said they too were inundated and had been forced to turn about 40 people away.

When giving blood people often have to queue for hours and lose wages while they are at it. Yet my husband and I have just received separate letters from the National Blood Authority explaining how they are to become much more efficient by closing a third of the transfusion centres in England to save £10 million a year (report, August 24; letters, September 30, October 11, 14, 26).

Yours sincerely,
ELIZABETH ORR,
Sunnymeade, Gloucester Road,
Longhope, Gloucestershire.
October 26.

Seabed dredging

From Dr Ian Cromie

Sir, Your article headed "Sea dredging endangers stocks" (early editions, October 12), which claimed that life on the seabed remained damaged two years afterwards, overstated the impact of marine sand and gravel extraction on the seabed.

In terms of the impact on fish stocks, it is important to appreciate that the area of the seabed touched by extraction is minuscule — some 0.03 per cent of the North Sea annually when working at full current capacity. Research by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea found that, in a worst-case scenario in the North Sea, extraction might reduce the numbers of fish available by 2,000 tonnes, compared to a total fish biomass of 10 million tonnes. This puts any potential impact into perspective.

Yours faithfully,
IAN CROMIE,
British Marine Aggregate
Producers Association,
156 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1.
October 17.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

'Blackmail' over EC milk quota fines

From Mrs Christina Speight

Sir, The front pages of all the newspapers, including *The Times*, have concentrated on the petty, though deplorable, corruption affecting individual MPs. Meanwhile a real and serious betrayal of principle was relegated to the inside pages, where it was scarcely explained.

Some time ago our Government decided to challenge in the European Court the decision of the European Commission to overrule a court judgment fining the Italian government £2.3 billion and the Spanish a lesser amount for refusing to obey the EC's own milk quotas. This was the first real attempt to stamp out widespread corruption affecting the European Community, made worse by the Commission's decision to overthrow a valid court judgment.

However, our Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Kenneth Clarke, gave way to blackmail threats from the Italians and Spanish that if the fines were enforced they would block the European budget and the accession of Norway to the Community (report, October 22). Apart from the fact that it would suit Britain's interests to have the budget blocked, since we would then have to hand over less of our taxes to subsidise our competitors, one must ask how a British minister could so shamefully undermine the rule of law, especially when our Government had originally acted in accordance with principle in taking the Commission to court.

Surely it is clear that only a total withdrawal from the Community, as called for by the United Kingdom Independence Party, of which I have recently become a member, holds out any hope of our becoming again masters of our own destiny. Norman Lamont's call for rejection of a federal European superstate (report, October 12) can only be answered by a rejection of the policies of all the other parties.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTINA SPEIGHT,
20 Ramillies Road, W4.

From Mr Graham Wood

Sir, The Government's abandonment of its legal action against the European Commission over "fiddling" of milk quotas confirms that the common agricultural policy is incapable of reform within existing structures. In effect the British taxpayer is being asked once more to cough up and not complain in order to support systematic corruption over which there is no democratic control or political redress.

Our gross contribution to the Brussels exchequer in 1996-97 is set at £10.3 billion, the equivalent of £197 million a week.

When did the British people give any government a mandate for subsidising EU fraud and the criminally wasteful agricultural policy?

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM WOOD,
19 North Road,
Ripon, North Yorkshire.
October 24.

From Mr Edward Hay

Sir, The choice for Mr Kenneth Clarke in Brussels lay between protecting British interests and risking the ratification of the European Union's five-year budget, agreed in Edinburgh in 1992. Mr Clarke chose the latter course, leaving the British taxpayer with a bill of several hundred millions.

In the 1980s several Tory politicians preached endlessly about the importance of catching the "European train". Their meaning is now clear. Italian and Spanish farmers have enjoyed massive subsidies under the common agricultural policy but despite that have flagrantly breached quotas set ten years ago. And now others, not least Britain, have to pay.

This is a gravy train — one which should be stopped.

Yours sincerely,
EDWARD HAY,
16 Worfield Street, SW11.
October 22.

Paying for extra Brussels spending

From Mr Bernard Jenkin, MP for Colchester North (Conservative) and others

Sir, How much extra tax will we pay to meet the proposed increases in EC spending? The oft-quoted "UK net contribution" does not tell the real story. Much depends upon the EC member states' rates of economic growth, but let us examine "The Government's Expenditure Plans 1994-95 to 1996-97" (Cmnd 2517, March 1994).

Table 11.1 shows that the UK gross contribution will rise from £7.4 billion this year to £10.3 billion in 1996-97 and that the UK's abatement will rise from £1.5 billion p.a. to £2.2 billion in 1996-97. Thus, the EC burden on the UK taxpayer will rise from a low point of £5.9 billion — the EC already costs us twice the aid we send to much poorer countries — to more than £8 billion (equivalent to more than one third of the UK defence budget).

In two years' time, the taxpayer will be paying £2.2 billion p.a. more in taxes to fund EC spending programmes.

This will be substantially more than the new revenue from VAT on fuel. After allowing for the additional social security expenditure to cushion its impact, the net proceeds of VAT on fuel in 1996-97 will be only £1.5 billion.

As the Government continues its justified squeeze on public spending, we await the introduction of legislation to raise the spending limits of the EC. This is mainly for more expenditure on the fraud-ridden common agricultural policy and on the structural and cohesion funds.

As these funds are the socialist-style counterpart to the single currency, in which the UK is less and less likely to participate, why then should we pay for cohesion?

Yours etc,
BERNARD JENKIN,
IAIN DUNCAN SMITH,
EDWARD LEIGH,
House of Commons.
October 26.

Ivory trade ban

From Sir Christopher Lever, Chairman of Tusk

Sir, On January 20, 1992, prior to the last biennial meeting of the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), you published a letter from me regretting the British Government's procrastination, as before the previous CITES conference, on the question of its support for the continued listing of the African elephant on Appendix I.

This affords the species special protection by banning the international trade in ivory and other elephant products. At the eleventh hour the Government came to its senses and voted in favour of retaining the elephant on Appendix I. Now, before the next meeting of CITES in November, the Government is once again dragging its feet by failing to declare its position on this important issue.

In September the Department of the Environment convened a meeting in Botswana of African countries to discuss the possible downlisting of the elephant from Appendix I, which could open the way to a possible renewal of the international trade in ivory (Travel, October 27). By calling this meeting the British Government has, in effect, given encouragement to countries such as Japan, where demand for ivory is still high, and has seriously undermined deliberations of the CITES meeting next month.

The ban on the international trade in ivory has without question been the single most important factor in saving the elephant from extinction. The Government has issued a statement that it is committed to retaining the ban "so long as it is necessary to ensure the survival of the elephant as a species".

Its retention is essential if this very special animal is to survive into the next millennium. The Government should declare its hand unequivocally in favour of maintaining the ban forthwith.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER LEVER,
Chairman, Tusk,
115 Ebury Street, SW1.

Honesty of solicitors

From the President of the Law Society

Sir, It is not true that there is "no check on the characters of potential solicitors" (letter, October 26). The Law Society takes up references on all who seek to enrol as trainees, and is able to take account of any convictions, including those that would otherwise be spent by virtue of the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act.

Any doubt about suitability to be enrolled, or any subsequent misbehaviour during training, will result in a compulsory interview. Every year, a number of applicants are rejected through this process. Parliament has provided that no one may be admitted as a solicitor unless the Law Society certifies it is satisfied as to his or her character and suitability.

No other profession subjects its entrants to such extensive scrutiny. It is in any case not the newly admitted who default: statistics show that claims on the compensation fund arise in general from those admitted ten years or more. That is why the Law Society has stepped up its monitoring of practising solicitors.

Abolition of the compensation fund is not in the power of the Law Society. Parliament requires its existence as a proper protection for the many members of the public who entrust their moneys to solicitors in the course of conveyancing and many other legal transactions.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES ELLY,
President, The Law Society,
113 Chancery Lane, WC2.
October 26.

Romanian adoption

From Mrs Anne Naylor

Sir, I would have been more impressed by the article by Libby Purves (October 19) about the iniquities of the couple who have been jailed for trying to smuggle a baby out of Romania had I not been there recently and heard from people who live and work there, from diplomats to taxi drivers to nurses and ox-cart drivers, that the only way the government of Romania has changed in the last five years is that Ceausescu is no longer its head.

In the dingy streets of Bucharest I saw a 14-year-old boy dragging himself along on his hands, holding a tin cup between his teeth for passers-by to throw coins into, because one of his legs was a bloody stump; pitifully thin mothers begging with their pale uncrying babies; and old men silently holding out one bar of soap for sale. In the north of the country I saw fields bursting with healthy crops of vegetables, yet none of this seems to appear on the tables of Romanians. The food, even for tourists, can be absolutely dreadful.

I was there only three weeks but my local GP, who goes regularly to the orphanage in Cernavoda to look after the children who are dying of Aids, would tell the same story.

Of course it is wrong to breed and sell babies, but if I were that baby I would dearly wish I had been adopted by the Mooneys.

Yours truly,
ANNE NAYLOR,
Elm House,
Bentley Heath, Hertfordshire.
October 22.

Polish president

From Mr Wiktor Moszczynski

Sir, The heading to Roger Boyes's article today, "The fall of Walesa", is surely somewhat premature, as it is not impossible that the President of Poland may be re-elected next year.

This is due in equal part to the mistakes of his opponents, both on the right, in the ranks of the liberal intelligentsia, and on the post-Communist left, and to his own flashes of the old genius and intuition, such as his dissolution of a politically bankrupt parliament last summer, and inviting the German and Russian presidents to the ceremonies on August 1, marking the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising.

Walesa's popularity in the USA and Canada, and with the Russian government, is largely unquestioned, and he is still the most potent reminder of Poland's upbeat past when dealing with Western governments seeking to bully Poland into toeing a line that is not necessarily in its own interest.

President Walesa may at times be an awkward head of state, both to the outside world, and to his own fellow countrymen, but he is still the best guarantee that Polish democracy, economic reforms and independent foreign policy will not be steamrollered into oblivion.

Yours sincerely,
WIKTOR MOSZCZYNSKI
(Chairman,
Polish Solidarity Campaign, 1981-83),
48 Inglis Road, W5.
October 24.

A name for Heathrow

From Dr R. J. S. Crossley

Sir, If Heathrow must have a further name (letters, October 21, 25) then surely it must be Cayley in honour of that great Yorkshire scientist, Sir George Cayley (1773-1857). The Wright brothers, after their successful first man-carrying powered flight of 1903, paid tribute to him as having "carried the science of flying to a point which it had never reached before".

In 1805 Cayley built a model glider with fixed wings and moveable tail-control surfaces which flew perfectly. Nearly 50 years later, in 1853, he carried out the first man-carrying flight by a heavier-than-air machine near Scarborough. The man in that machine, by the way, was Sir George's coachman who, on landing not without some damage to his person, memorably tendered his resignation on the grounds that he had been hired as a coachman, not an aviator.

Yous faithfully,
RICHARD CROSSLEY,
9 Arncliffe Mews, York.
October 25.

From Mr Peter Le Marchand

Sir, Do your readers really want to abandon the lovely bucolic name Heathrow, linked with the beginning of civil aviation, and call the airport after James Watt? If the taxi driver says "Where to guv?", and you say "Watt" — what then? On the other hand, the name is historically well suited to our part of the Eurostar train, with just the right touch of gentle farce.

Yours faithfully,
PETER Le MARCHAND,
13b Claxton Grove, W6.
October 21.

From Mr N. D. Hollamby

Sir, Surely the airport should be called Churchill.

Yours *most* sincerely,
NIGEL DURDANT HOLLAMBY,
The Outfield,
Chartway, Sevenoaks, Kent.

From Dr Vyvyan Howard

Sir, As sections of Heathrow airport are literally in "terminal decline" I feel that the name of a politician would be more appropriate than that of a scientist. How about "Pitt Airport"?

Yours faithfully,
VYVYAN HOWARD,
The University of Liverpool,
Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital
Alder Hey,
Eaton Road, Liverpool 12.
October 26.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 27: His Excellency Mr Austin Sealy was received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for Barbados in London.

His Excellency Señor Ernesto Trigueros was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of El Salvador to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy: Señorita Violeta Salazar (First Secretary) and Señora Teresa de Huezo (Attaché).

Señora de Trigueros was also received by The Queen.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

His Excellency the Honourable Royce Frith was received in audience by Her Majesty upon his appointment as High Commissioner for Canada in London.

His Excellency Mr Joop Hoekman and Mrs Hoekman were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency Senhor António Vaz-Pereira was received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Portuguese Republic to the Court of St James's.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Sir Edward Ford at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Lord Bonham-Carter which was held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, London SW1, today.

The Prince of Wales was represented by Sir John Riddell, Bt.

Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy was represented by Major Sir Peter Clarke.

CLARENCE HOUSE
October 27: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by Sir Alastair Aird at the Memorial Service for the Lord Bonham-Carter which was held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, today.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 27: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, received the Secretary of the Duchy of Cornwall (Mr John James). His Royal Highness received Vice Admiral Sir Toby Frere (Chief of Fleet Support).

The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Parachute Regiment, received Colonel David Parker upon relinquishing his appointment as Regimental Colonel and Colonel Hamish Fletcher upon assuming the appointment.

His Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41st Foot), received Brigadier John Davey upon relinquishing his appointment as Colonel of the Regiment and Brigadier David Bromhead upon assuming the appointment.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 27: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, attended the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Lord Bonham-Carter which was held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, London SW1 today.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, The Guide Association, this afternoon opened the Wiltshire South Guide Centre at Berwick St James, near Salisbury.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the County of Wiltshire (Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs).

Mrs Charles Vyvyan was in attendance.

October 27: The Duke of Gloucester this evening was present for the Raleigh International 10th Anniversary Photographic Exhibition at Tom Blau Gallery, Camera Press, 21 Queen Elizabeth Street, London SE1 2PD.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
October 27: The Duke of Kent, Patron, the London Philharmonic, this evening attended a concert, the Royal Festival Hall, Belvedere Road, London SE1.

Captain Alexander Tetley was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, this morning attended an event to launch a special recording of Handel's Messiah in aid of the National Childrens' Home Action for Children, Westminster Abbey, London SW1.

The Duchess of Kent this evening attended the 'Let There Be Light' exhibition, the British Library, Great Russell Street, London WC1, and was met on arrival by the Mayor of Camden (Councillor Bill Budd).

Miss Helen Tughan was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
October 27: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy and attended by the Lady Mary Mumford, arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening upon the conclusion of visits to Hong Kong and India.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will visit the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets at Connaught Barracks, Dover, at 11.25.

The Duke of York, as Earl of Inverness, will attend a luncheon at Town House, Inverness, at 1.00; will visit Hilton Community Centre at 2.30; and will open the new command and control centre of the Highland and Islands Fire Brigade at 3.10.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, will attend a dinner at Castle Howard, Yorkshire, at 5.15.

Lectures

International Interfaith Centre
Professor Seyyed Hossein Nasr, of George Washington University, USA, delivered the first International Interfaith Centre lecture at Manchester College, Oxford. The Rev Professor Keith Ward, Regius Professor of Divinity, Oxford University, presided.

The Bristol Society
The Lord Lieutenant of Avon, Sir John Wills, Bt, the High Sheriff of Avon, the Lord Mayor of Bristol, and the Chancellor of the University of the West of England were present at a lecture given for the Society by Mr David Rowland, Chairman of Lloyd's at the Council House last night. Mr St John Hartnell, Chairman of the Society, presided and Mr Jonathon Morley Cooper, Chairman of the Southern Region of Bain Hogg Limited, gave the vote of thanks. Bain Hogg Limited hosted a supper afterwards.

Reception

Army Benevolent Fund
The Lord Mayor of London spoke at a reception given yesterday at Guildhall by the Corporation of London to mark the 50th anniversary of the Army Benevolent Fund. General Sir Robert Ford, president of the fund, also spoke. Among those present were representatives of HM Forces, both Houses of Parliament, Aldermen, Common Councilmen, Corporation Officers and their escorts.

Ball

Anglo-Brazilian Society
Mrs Maria Ignez Barbosa, wife of the Brazilian Ambassador, the Brazilian Chargé d'Affaires and Mrs Mauricio Cortes Costa and the Earl of Dartmouth, Chairman of the Anglo-Brazilian Society, accompanied by the Countess of Dartmouth, received members and guests at the society's 50th anniversary charity ball held last night at Grosvenor House.

Dr Edgar Sowton

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Dr Edgar Sowton, Consultant Cardiologist to Guy's Hospital will be held in the Guy's Hospital Chapel, St Thomas Street, SE1, on Friday, November 25, at noon.

Lord Thorneycroft

Mrs Sheila Thorneycroft regrets that she was unable to attend the Memorial Service to her former husband, Lord Thorneycroft.

Privy Council

Lords Justice Morritt and Thomas have been made Privy Councillors on their appointment as Lords Justice of Appeal.

Birthdays

Mr Peter Baring, chairman, Barings, 59; Air Chief Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst, 89; Mr Henry Candy, racehorse trainer, 50; Sir John Chatfield, former chairman, Association of County Councils, 65; Professor Sir David Davies, Chief Scientific Adviser to the MOD, 59; Mr Carl Davis, composer, 58; Sir Frederick Delve, former chief officer, London Fire Brigade, 92; Mr David Dimbleby, broadcaster, 56; Professor Sir Richard Doll, cancer specialist, 82; Sir Ewen Fergusson, chairman, Coutts and Co, 62; Dr Michael Fopp, director, RAF Museum, 47; Lord Fraser of Kilmorack, 79; Mr Christopher Gill, MP, 58; Lord Hesketh, 44; Mr Mark James, golfer, 41; Surgeon Rear-Admiral John Keeling, 73; Lord Killearn, 75; Miss Cleo Laine, singer, 67; the Earl of Lanesborough, 76; Mr Hank Marvin, Shadows' guitarist, 53; Miss Sophie Mirman, former chairman, Sock Shop, 38; Mr Michael Noakes, painter, 61; Miss Joan Plowright, actress, 65; Sir Rex Richards, former director, Leverhulme Trust, 72; Miss Julia Roberts, actress, 27; Lord Rodgers of Quarry Bank, 66; Professor Jonas Salk, biologist, 80; Dr Barry Seal, MEP, 57; Mr Anthony Simpson, former MEP, 59; Sir Hugh Tett, former chairman, Esso Petroleum Company, 88.

Luncheon

Notes and Queries for Somerset and Dorset (founded 1888)
At the celebratory luncheon held on Saturday, October 22, at Judge Jeffrey's Lodgings, Dorchester, in honour of Dr John Pafford, FSA, lately Goldsmiths Librarian, University of London, Mr Roger Peers, FSA, presided. Those present included:
Mrs Cosmo Rawlins, FSA, Sir Mervyn Medlycott, Bt, Dr John Harvey, FSA, Mr Derek Shorrocks, FSA, Somerset Editor, Dr Glanville J. Davies, FSA, Dorset Editor and Mr Michael McGarvie, FSA, Secretary and Treasurer.


PETER TRIEVNOR
Princess Margaret was among those attending the service for Lord Bonham-Carter

Lord Bonham-Carter

Memorial service
The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Sir Edward Ford and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother by Captain Sir Alastair Aird at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Bonham-Carter held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey. The Prince of Wales was represented by Sir John Riddell. Princess Margaret attended. Princess Alexandra was represented by Major Sir Peter Clarke.

Canon Donald Gray officiated, assisted by Canon Dr Eric James and the Rev Bryan Thomas. Mr John Grigg read the lesson. The Hon Jane Bonham Carter (daughter) read Byron's So We'll Go No More A'Roving. The Hon Grizelda Grimond (niece) read from On the Removal of Jewish Disabilities by Macaulay. Mr Alan Jenkins read from T.S. Eliot's Four Quartets. Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, OM, gave an address. Mr Philip Gammon of the Royal Ballet played the piano.

The Speaker was represented by Mr Michael Morris, MP, and the Polish Ambassador by Mr Jan Sek, First Secretary. Among others present were:

Lady Bonham-Carter (widow), the Hon Eliza Bonham Carter (daughter), Mr Charles and the Hon Mrs Brand (son-in-law and daughter), Mr Hayden and the Hon Mrs Phillips (step-son-in-law and step-daughter), the Hon Raymond and Mrs Bonham Carter (brother and sister-in-law), Mrs J Ridley (sister), Sir Adam and Lady Ridley, Mrs E B Boothby, Mr Robin Bonham Carter, Mrs Helene Propper de Callejon, Miss K Grimond, the Hon and Mrs J J Grimond, Mr and Mrs Magnus Grimond, Miss Jessie Grimond, Miss Rose Grimond, Miss Georgia Grimond, Mr and Mrs Robin Benson, Miss Camilla Benson, Mrs Nicholas Wright, Mr David and Lady Elizabeth Benson, Mr Matthew Benson, Miss Henrietta Benson, Miss Kate Benson, Mr N A Bonham Carter and other members of the family.

The Duke and Duchess of Wellington, the Marquess of Normanby, Earl Ferrers, Earl and Countess Jellicoe, Lady Richard Percy, Viscount Astor, Viscount Esher, Viscount Falkland, Maria Carmela Viscountess Hambleden, Viscount Runciman of Doxford, Lord Aberdare, Lord Addington, Lord Airedale, Lord Aldington, Lord Annaly, Lord Annan, Lady Ashburton, Lord and Lady Bancroft, Lord Beaumont of Whitley, Lord and Lady Belhaven, Lord Beloff, Baroness Birk, Baroness Blackstone (Master, Birkbeck College, London University), Lord Boston of Faversham, QC, Lord Boyd-Carpenter, Lord Bruce of Donington, Lady Byers, Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC, Baroness Carnegy of Lour, Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, CH, Lord Dahrendorf, Baroness David, Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, Lord Foot, Lord Graham of Edmonton, Lord and Lady Greenhill of Harrow, Lord Harlech, Lord Harris of Greenwich, Lord Hastings, Lord Hayhoe, Lord Holme of Cheltenham, Lord and Lady Holderness, Lord Hooson, QC, Lord Hunt of Tanworth, Lord Hutchinson of Lullington, QC, Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, Lord Lester of Herne Hill, QC, Lady Lever of Manchester, Lord Mayhew, Lord Merlyn-Rees, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, Lord Morton of Shuna, Lord Murray of Epping Forest, Lord Richard, QC, Baroness Robson of Kiddington, Lord Rochester, Lord Rodgers of Quarry Bank, Baroness Seear, Baroness Serota, Lord Sherfield, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lady Soames with Mr Christopher Mann (Charles de Gaulle Bursary Trust), Lord St John of Fawsley, Baroness Strange, Lady Swann, Lord Thomson of Monifieth, KT, Baroness Trumpington (representing the Government Chief Whip), Lord Weatherill, Baroness White, Lord Wigoder, QC, Lord and Lady Williams of Elvel, Lord Wyatt of Weeford.

Mr Paddy Ashdown, MP, Mr Alan Beith, MP, the Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, Mr Paul Channon, MP, Mr Alastair Goodlad, Mr Aubrey Jones, Sir John and the Hon Lady Stephenson, Mr and Mrs Jeremy Thorpe, Lady Jane Wellesley, the Hon Mrs Michael Astor, the Hon Mrs Bridge, the Hon Colette Clark, the Hon Alan and Mrs Hare, the Hon Kenneth Lamb, the Hon Victoria Rothschild, the Hon William Shawcross, the Hon Angus and Mrs Sinclair, Sir Martyn and the Hon Lady Beckett, Sir Roger Cary, Sir Anthony and Lady Meyer, Lady Riddell, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Smiley (representing the Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, Grenadier Guards), Dame Jocelyn Barrow, Sir Isaiah Berlin, OM, Sir Alan Campbell, Sir Raymond and Lady Carr, Sir William and the Hon Lady Goodhart, Sir Stuart Hampshire, Sir James Hennessy, Sir Ralph Howell, MP, Sir Michael Jenkins, Dame Penelope Jessel, Sir Russell Johnston, MP, Sir Curtis Keeble, Sir David Lane, Sir Denys Lasdun, Sir Claus and Lady Moser, Sir John Tooley, Lady Trethowan, Lieutenant General Sir James Wilson, Sir Peter Wright (Birmingham Royal Ballet) and Lady Wright with Mr Colin Nears.

Mr Marmaduke Hussey (chairman of the board of governors, BBC) and Lady Susan Hussey with Mr Bob Phillis (deputy director general), Mr Will Wyatt, Miss Liz Forgan, Miss Jenny Abramsky and other members of the corporation; Mr Frank and Lady Katherine Giles, Mr and the Hon Mrs Henry Keswick, Mr Peter and the Hon Mrs Townend, Mr David Alton, MP, Mr Donald Anderson, MP, Mr Menzies Campbell, MP, QC, Mr Frank Field MP, Mr Dudley Fishburn, MP, Mr Harry Greenway, MP, Mr Simon Hughes, MP, Mr Charles Kennedy, MP, Mr Robert Maclennan MP, Mr Tim Rathbone, MP, Mr David Rendel, MP, Mr Paul Tyler, MP, Mr Jim Wallace, MP, Mrs Pauline Asquith, Mrs John Baker, Mr David Barlow, Mr Jeremy Beckett, Mr Michael Betz, Mr Daniel Britain-Catlin, Dr and Mrs M G Brock, Mr Michael Bunce, Mr John Cain, Mr and Mrs Colin Campbell, Dr S S Chatterjee, Mr Ronald Clark.

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Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.D. Bailey and Miss S.C. Fea
The engagement is announced between Andrew David, son of Mr and Mrs Alan Bailey, of Long Itchington, Warwickshire, and Selina Clare, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Fea, of White Ladies Aston, Worcestershire.

Mr J.M. Case and Miss E.A. Edwards
The engagement is announced between John Michael, son of Mrs M.P. Case, CBE, and the late Mr C.L. Case, of 'Newlands', Heath Charnock, Lancashire, and Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Squadron Leader (RAF retd) and Mrs J.D. Edwards, of Monmouth, Gwent, formerly of Bromham, Bedford.

Mr E.J. Hubbard and Miss N.A. Bellamy
The engagement is announced between Edmund, son of John and Caryl Hubbard, of Chilcombe, Dorset, and Nicole, daughter of William and Sara Bellamy, of Girton, Cambridge.

Mr D.S. McBride and Miss L.E. Altman
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Samuel McBride, of Sussex, and Lydia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Altman, of Finchley, London.

Mr A.J. Moreland and Miss C-L.R. Bowrey
The engagement is announced between Alan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Derek Moreland, of Edgware, Middlesex, and Claire-Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Bowrey, of Edwalton, Nottingham.

Mr N. Stoddart and Miss A.L. Cholmeley
The engagement is announced between Neil, son of Mr and Mrs E. Stoddart, of Stanley, County Durham, and Annabel, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.M. Cholmeley, of Rowde, Wiltshire.

Mr P.J. Morgan and Miss K.A. Little
The engagement is announced between Piers John, son of Mr J.O. Morgan, of Fulham, London and Mrs R.E. Mercer, of Witnesham, Suffolk, and Kathryn Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.D. Little, of Little Stanney, Chester.

Mr G.C. Thorley and Miss D.J. Mackenzie
The engagement is announced between Guy Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs S.R. Thorley, of Charlestown, Fife, and Delia Joan, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.W.J. Mackenzie, of Ayton, Berwickshire.

Mr J.W.G. Verity and Miss C.M. Payten
The engagement is announced between William, younger son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Verity, of Brimpton Common, Berkshire, and Caroline, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Robert Payten, of Sydney, Australia.

Mr A.A.W. Waddell and Miss J. Morrison
The engagement is announced between Andrew Alan Wallace, younger son of Mr and Mrs Alan A.W. Waddell, Bearsden, and Joanne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs William H. Morrison, of Corstorphine, Edinburgh.

Mr A.J. Walliker and Miss E.A.F. Cable
The engagement is announced between Adam, eldest son of Mr and Mrs M. Walliker, of Witney, Oxon, and Emma, daughter of Mr Brian Cable, of Woodstock, and Mrs Kay Cable, of Chiswick.

Mr M.D. Wortman and Miss L.L. Collier
The engagement is announced between Matthew, only son of Mr and Mrs N. Wortman, of Chiswick, London, and Layla, only daughter of Mr and Mrs T.M. Collier, of Forest Hill, London.

Service dinners

The Royal Naval College, Greenwich
Admiral of the Fleet Sir Julian Oswald, GCB, was the guest of honour at the Annual Dinner of the Royal Navy Barristers held last night in the Painted Hall at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich. Captain J F T Bayliss, Chief Naval Judge Advocate, presided. Among those present were:
Rear Admiral NJ Wilkinson, Major General A P V Rogers, HHJ A F Waley, G W Brown Esq, Captain the Hon Mr Justice Newman, RANR, Commander I R Wellesley-Harding.

Britannia Royal Naval College
Admiral Sir Jock Slater, Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff, was the guest of honour at a Combined Wardroom and Gunroom Trafalgar Night mess dinner held last night at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth (Captain S. Moore in Command). Commander C.C. Peach, Commander of the College, presided.

Royal Marines
Lieutenant General Sir Robert Ross, Commandant General Royal Marines, presided at a dinner held last night in the Commando Forces Officers' Mess, Plymouth. The guests were:
Sir John Weston (British Ambassador to NATO), Admiral Sir Michael Layard (Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command), Vice Admiral Sir Roy Newman (Flag Officer Plymouth), Mrs Mary Fagan (Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire), Major General JS Chester (Royal College of Defence Studies), Major General M D Jackson (Commander 3 UK Division), Major-General SW St J Lytle (Director Army Air Corps), Major General DP Thomson (Colonel of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders), Mr R K Haselden (Master of the Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers), Captain P Hames RN (Clerk of the Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers), Colonel E C Klop (Chief of Staff Royal Netherlands Marines Corps) and Colonel M E Hatt-Cook (Royal Marines Reserve Colonel).

Advanced Class Dinner Club
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Defence, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Advanced Class Dinner Club held last night at the Royal Artillery Officers' Mess, Woolwich. Major-General A.C.P. Stone, president of the club, presided.

Dinners

Guild of Management Consultants
Mr Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, was Guest of Honour at the Foundation Dinner of the Guild of Management Consultants held at Carpenters' Hall last night. Mr David Miller, the Master presided. Other guests included:
Mr Philip Revzin, Editor of the Wall Street Journal, Europe, Lord and Lady Nolan, Mr Alexander Kudinov, Minister-Counsellor Russian Embassy, Sir Conrad Swan and the Lady Hilda Swan, the Masters of the Companies of Actuaries, Chartered Accountants and Marketors and their wives, and the Master of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London.

Flyfishers' Club
Mr Orrie Figfusson, Chairman of the North Atlantic Salmon Fund, Iceland, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Flyfishers' Club held last night at the Savoy Hotel. Mr P.J.S. Rawson presided.

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BIRTHS

ANDREW - On 24th October, to Mark and Lizzie, a daughter, Emma Louise Campbell. A sister for Harriet.

CARMICHAEL - On October 26th, to Elspeth (née Stuart) and Timothy, a son, Simon Charles Alexander, a brother for Claire and Oliver.

CARTER - On October 22nd, to Caroline and Ian, a daughter, Holly Saskia.

DAVIDSON - On October 25th, to Deborah (née Pinnington) and Andrew, a daughter, Olivia Alice.

DICKENS - On October 23rd at The Countess of Chester Hospital, to Annette and Barry, a son, Timothy.

HARNEY - On 19th October, to Charlotte and Guy, a son, Robert Frederick Simpson, a brother for Rosanna and Francesca.

LANGFORD - On October 26th, to Takako (née Nakada) and Nicholas, a daughter, Alice Sakiko, a first grandchild for Kay and Brian and a first great-grandchild for Greta.

MACHELL - On 25th October, to Sally and Chris, a son, Charles William Hew, a brother for Tom.

MICHELL - On October 18th, to Lauren (née Cornell du Houx) and Adrian, a daughter, Helen Maria Gracia Blanche, a sister to Lewis.

MYNOTT - On 26th October, to Anna (née Hahn) and Tim, a son, Jack Michael Andrew, a brother for Sarah and Kate.

PATTERSON - On 22nd October, to Joanna (née Crawford) and Mark, a son, Charles William.

DEATHS

BARRETT - (née Skinner), on 25th October 1994, peacefully at home, after a long illness borne with great courage and dignity, Jane, dearly loved wife of Alan Barrett, of Croft Meadows, Cheddington, devoted mummy of Calum and Ella and beloved daughter of George and Alison Skinner, Fearnan, Loch Tayside. Funeral Service at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, at 2 pm on Wednesday 2nd November 1994. No flowers, but donations, if desired, to The Iain Rennie Hospice at Home, Pitstone, Beds, LU7 9AX, tel: (0296) 662900.

BASS - Rhoda Ellen, for many years college landlady at Braeside, Chesterton Lane, Cambridge, beloved wife of the late Arthur, dearly loved mother of Terry, Jasmine, Betty and Billie, a dear nanna of all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and a much loved mother-in-law of Diane, Maurice and Peter. Peacefully in Addenbrookes Hospital on Monday October 24th 1994 aged 85 years, after a short illness courageously borne. Funeral Service at 11.15 am at Clare College Chapel, Cambridge, on Thursday November 3rd followed by committal at Cambridge City Crematorium. Floral tributes may be sent to Cambridge Funeral Service, 617 Newmarket Road, Cambridge.

BELK - Elrene May (née Summerhayes) on 25th October, peacefully, aged 97. Widow of Humphrey Cochrane Belk, mother of Christopher, grandmother and great-grandmother. Former housemistress and governor of Benenden and governor of St Michaels. Funeral St Peter's Church, Limpsfield, Monday 7th November at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Oxted Hospital Fund c/o Sister Brigden.

BREWER - On Tuesday October 25th at his home in Stoke Gabriel, Devon, Donald George passed suddenly away aged 64 years. Dearly loved husband of Ida. Devoted father of Angela, Catherine and Michael and grandfather of Loren, Thomas and Samuel. Funeral Service at The Stoke Gabriel Parish Church on Monday October 31st 1994 at 12 noon. Floral tributes may be sent to Maunders Funeral Service, 27 Well Street, Paignton.

BROWN - John Edward on 26th October peacefully at Staffordshire General Infirmary. Much loved husband of Diana, father and grandfather. Cremation at Stafford Crematorium Monday 31st October 1 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Stafford and District Stroke Club, 7 Fir Tree Close, Coppenhall, Stafford, ST18 9BZ.

COX - Anthony David Machell, of Kirtlington, Oxon., aged 81. On 26th October 1994 on holiday in North Cyprus. Greatly loved husband of Gerry, father of Rhona, Amanda and Jessica, grandfather of Victoria, Alexandra, David, Ben and Pandora. Emeritus Fellow of University College Oxford. Funeral arrangements to be announced.

BROWN - Peter aged 48, peacefully in Southampton, on 21st October. Much loved husband of Yvonne, father of Mikael and son of Meta and Jim of Northumberland.

DE VITO - On 14th October 1994 at her home in Rome, Gioconda, widow of James David Bicknell.

ELMER - Rosemary Anne (née Cooper), dearly loved wife of Michael, mother of Christopher and Katherine and sister of Catherine, Margaret, Hugh and Peter, died on 23rd October after a long illness borne with great cheerfulness and courage. Requiem Mass at the Church of St Edmund of Canterbury, Village Way, Beckenham, at 12.30 pm on All Souls Day, Wednesday 2nd November. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham or The Royal Marsden Hospital, Fulham.

FINLAISON - On October 26th unexpectedly, Monica, beloved widow of Brig. A M Finlaison, much loved mother of Angela and Rosamund. Funeral Service on Wednesday November 2nd 10 am at Kenninghall Church, Norfolk. Private cremation to follow. No flowers please.

FORD - Stanley Arthur, on 27th October 1994, in Ipswich Hospital. Beloved and loving husband of Olive, dear caring father of Robin and Timothy and daughters-in-law Marian and Susan and proud grandpa of Dawn, Louise and Alexander. Funeral Service at Ipswich Crematorium, North Chapel, on Friday November 4th at 11.30 am. Flowers may be sent to The Co-operative Funeral Service, Chapel of Repose, Cauldwell Hall Road, Ipswich. Then carry to his Templegate the choicest of our store.

HARRISON - Charles Lydon Samuel, peacefully after a long illness on 24th October 1994 aged 76 years. Funeral service at St Andrews Parish Church, Presteigne, Powys, on Tuesday 1st November at 2.00pm. Flowers or donations to Save the Children Fund, C/o A B Williams, Bridge Street, Kington, Herefordshire. HR5 3DN.

HICKS - On October 25th 1994, peacefully in hospital, Peter Rivers aged 85. Dearly loved husband of Felicity. Funeral, All Saints Church, Brenchley, Monday 31st October 12 noon. Enquiries C.W. Lyons Funeral Directors, (0227) 272575.

KERR - On October 23rd 1994, peacefully in Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital Welwyn, Philip Robert Nell F.R.C.S. after a long illness most patiently borne. Loving husband of Pip and father of Gregor, Lorna and Verena. Service at St Mary's Church, King's Walden, Tuesday 8th November 1994 at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Parkinson's Disease Society.

LINE - On October 26th at Epsom General Hospital, surrounded by the love of her family, Lilian Mary Line, aged 102. Dearly loved mother of Donnie, Joan and Anne and grannie and great-grannie, so loved by her 16 grand and great-grandchildren. Funeral Service and Thanksgiving for her life on Thursday 3rd November 2 pm at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead. Family flowers only please but if desired donations for elderly care to Mr J.K. Steward, The Treasurer of the Friends of Epsom General Hospital.

LOWE - Jeremy William (Jerry), suddenly on 23rd October 1994, aged 45 years. Loving husband of Penny and devoted father of Simon, Jamie and Thomas. Will be sadly missed. Funeral Service to take place on Monday 31st October St James Church, Finchampstead, near Twyford at 12 noon. Flowers and enquiries to J.B. Hall, 142 Finchampstead Road, Wokingham, Berks. tel: (0734) 793623.

MAITLAND-JONES - Peacefully in hospital on 26th October 1994, Miriam, widow of Dr. A.G. Maitland-Jones, mother of Hugh and Jenny Felicity of Abergavenny. Funeral private, no flowers please, any donations to Medical Benevolent Fund.

MACBEATH - On October 26th at Moorcroft Nursing Home, Warlingham, Surrey, on the eve of her 89th birthday, Eleanor Constance, dearly loved wife of the late Dr. John MacBeath D.D. and a much loved sister, aunt and friend. Funeral at Purley Baptist Church on Monday October 31st at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Purley Baptist Church may be sent to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd., 67 George Street, Croydon.

NICHOLS - On Tuesday 25th October peacefully at home, Bridget aged 89 years, of Great Missenden, Bucks., dearly loved wife of the late Frederick, much loved mother of Jane and Andrew and a beloved grandmother. Funeral Service at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, Bucks., on Tuesday 1st November at 2 pm. Flowers to Great Missenden Funeral Services, 106 High Street, Great Missenden.

RANDALL - On 19th October 1994, Liam, suddenly in Hove, aged 27 years. Service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Brighton, on Tuesday 1st November at 11.15 am followed by interment at Hove Cemetery. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to The Royal Alexandra Childrens' Hospital c/o Hannington F/D, 4/6 Montefiore Road, Hove.

SIMS - Ralph Berry, on 26th October, peacefully at home, after a long illness fought so bravely. Ralph was much loved by his wife Gillian and children, Adrian, Jeannette and Justin. Funeral Service at St Margaret's Church, Lee, on Wednesday 2nd November at 11 am. No flowers please. Donations can be made to The Parkinsons Disease Society c/o Francis Chappell & Sons, 4 Lee High Road, SE13 5LQ.

TREVELYAN - Lady Helen, Wife of Sir George Trevelyan Bt., and mother of Catriona. Died peacefully at home aged 93 on 26th October. Funeral 2.30 pm on 3rd November at St Mary's Church, Hawkesbury. No flowers please but donations if desired to The Oliver Tomalin Memorial Trust, The Old Vicarage, Hawkesbury, Avon GL9 1BW.

TURNER - On October 26th 1994, John Burns of Inchmarlo, Banchory. (former partner of Lawrence Graham) late of New Square, London. Dearly loved husband of Helen Pate, a much loved step father of Eileen, Marjorie and Eleanor and a dear step grandfather. Funeral service at Aberdeen Crematorium, Hazlehead (East Chapel) on Thursday November 3rd at 12.10 pm. Family flowers only.

WINDEYER - Professor Sir Brian, peacefully on 26th October, aged 90. Dearly loved by his wife Anne, his children and grandchildren, here and in Australia; and by so many friends, colleagues, students and patients everywhere. A private funeral will be held in Oxford: family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to The Windeyer Fellowship c/o Marie Curie Research Wing at Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, Middlesex. Details of a Thanksgiving Service will be announced shortly.

WRAGG - On October 19th in Priscilla Bacon Lodge, Norwich, Patricia Margaret. Will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service held on Friday October 28th at St Andrew's Church, Eaton, Norwich. Donations if desired to St Andrew's Church Extension Fund or the Big 'C' Appeal c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich.

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OBITUARIES

DR PATRICK McGRATH

Dr Patrick McGrath, CB, CBE, Senior Consultant Psychiatrist and Physician Superintendent at Broadmoor Hospital, 1957-81, died from cancer on October 18 aged 78. He was born in Glasgow on June 10, 1916.

IN HIS 25-year stewardship of Broadmoor top security hospital Patrick McGrath and his reforms did much to transform the institution from a criminal lunatic asylum, run very much on Victorian lines, into a modern psychiatric hospital. Inevitably in such a delicate position diagnostic mistakes were made and there were a number of cases in which killers were released to kill again. In such instances McGrath's head was on the block. But although he never attempted to side-step responsibility for such eventualities he could with some justice point to the 2,500 patients who were released from Broadmoor never to offend again, as a counterweight to the dozen or so who killed after their release.

Among the most notorious cases in which the Broadmoor regime came unstuck were the freeing of the mass poisoner Graham Young, who was released only to kill again; the rapist Ronald Sailes, let out after 16 years only to murder a teenage girl; and a young woman who had killed her son and went on to kill her husband when her manic depression returned after she had been released from the psychiatric hospital. On those occasions criticism of McGrath was understandably fierce and his resignation frequently called for — as it was when another inmate, Leslie Parr, escaped and was on the run in the Berkshire countryside for three days.

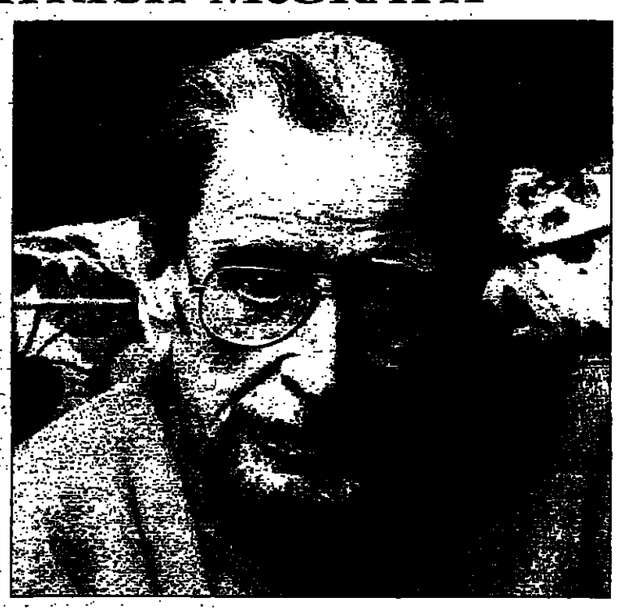
McGrath felt these lapses keenly. He was aware of the fear felt by the inhabitants of Crowthorne at having such a formidable institution in their midst. But he had to be sensitive, too, to the impact of such failures on the morale of staff and patients, failures he regarded as inevitable "unless patients are to be manacled to the walls forever".

He did not stop trying to improve procedures or trying to understand the reasons for each mistake. Undoubtedly he was one of the founding fathers of forensic psychiatry as we know it in this country today.

Patrick Gerard McGrath was born of Irish-Catholic stock. His father was the headmaster of what he later described in an autobiographical sketch, as "a large school in a Glasgow slum inhabited almost entirely by Irish labourers". He was exposed to discrimination little short of persecution and was paid one tenth of the salary of the head of a small Protestant school in the same area.

Despite financial stringencies his father, a scholar steeped in the classics, saw to it that McGrath and his two sisters received the best available education. McGrath attended St Aloysius College, a Jesuit school, before entering Glasgow University to study medicine. He qualified in September 1939 and enlisted immediately and was commissioned into the RAMC. At one stage he was posted to Gibraltar where, in 1941, in undisclosed circumstances, he literally fell off the Rock, sustaining injuries so severe as to necessitate his being invalided back to the UK.

The authorities were understanding enough to consult him as to where he would like to be posted during his convalescence. He had by



then witnessed the mental devastation that war can bring about in both combatants and civilians, and this awareness stimulated an interest in psychiatry. He seized the opportunity to work at the Crichton Royal in Dumfries, a mental hospital taken over for the duration for the treatment of psychiatric war casualties. It was staffed by some of the cream of British psychiatrists, Willi Mayer-Gross, Dennis Carrol and Erwin Stengel, for example — an inspiring set of tutors.

Once fit, McGrath returned to active service which turned out to be highly varied. He travelled the Golden Road to Samarkand and at different times operated in hazardous conditions in Burma, China and India.

After demobilisation he took up psychiatry in earnest and trained in psychiatric hospitals in England and Scotland. In 1956 he was appointed to Broadmoor as deputy medical superintendent to be promoted in 1957 to superintendent.

At that time, although a certain amount of reform of the regime had begun under his predecessor, with only one full-time consultant for the 700 male and 180 female inmates, a concept of stewardship based on diagnosis and treatment was hardly possible. McGrath increased his complement of helpers to eight full- and four part-time consultants with a dramatic effect on the quality of treatment. In his 25 years of service to the hospital he converted a grim, forbidding institution into a caring, efficient psychiatric hospital. He succeeded in this by the exercise of his own particular brand of paternalism, "benevolent despotism" as it was often described. Benevolent he could most certainly be but, when occasion demanded, he could be exceedingly stern. No matter what, he was always the boss.

His expertise in forensic psychiatry was further recognised by his appointment to the Parole Board on which he sat from 1982 to 1985 in the company, as it so happens, of his sister Sarah McCabe, a distinguished criminologist in her own right. In 1969 he was awarded a Cropwood fellowship tenable in the department of criminology at Cambridge University.

McGrath held the honorary rank of lieutenant-colonel in the RAMC and was a vice-president of the Royal College of Psychiatrists as well as being an honorary fellow. At Broadmoor a newly constituted library was named after him. He was appointed CBE in 1971 and CB when he retired in 1981.

In retirement, apart from golf, he devoted some time to a study of mothers who kill their children, an interest he had begun at Broadmoor, based on the institution's records dating back to 1863. In 1968 he had published *Mentally Abnormal Offender*.

McGrath is survived by his wife Helen, three sons and a daughter.

MERVYN SHEPPARD

Mervyn Sheppard, CMG, MBE, former member of the Malayan Civil Service, died in Kuala Lumpur on September 11 aged 89. He was born in Kent on June 21, 1905.

MERVYN SHEPPARD was one of the most remarkable expatriates to stay behind in Malaya after its Independence in 1957, and to work for the new government. Having served in the Malayan Civil Service since leaving Cambridge. Sheppard adapted with extraordinary ease to the changed circumstances of his adopted country, going so far as to convert to Islam and to take out Malaysian citizenship.

Mervyn Cecil ffranck Sheppard was born into an Anglo-Irish family. His father, however, was an Anglican clergyman who became a canon of Lincoln. Brought up in Lincolnshire, the young Sheppard was educated at Marlborough, and from there went up to Magdalene College, Cambridge, where he obtained a degree in history and also gained a Blue at hockey. On going down from Cambridge, he joined the Malayan Civil Service and arrived in Kuala Lumpur in January 1928.

In 1932 he was posted as assistant adviser to Kemaman, a small fishing town in the unfederated state of Trengganu. Sheppard, rapidly gained the respect of his chiefly Malay colleagues. He persuaded the villagers, with some success, to adopt permanent, as opposed to shifting, cultivation and encouraged mining activities.

It was during his period at Kemaman that he began to develop his interest in the fast-disappearing arts and crafts of the east coast. He also travelled extensively in the countryside, often on foot, and these forays were to stand him in good stead at the time of the Japanese invasion, when he was asked to assist in setting up "Stay Behind" parties on the east coast. An untimely attack of Japanese River Fever prevented him from completing this work, and resulted in his capture at the fall of Singapore.

He distinguished himself as a PoW at Changi, not least by surviving brutal torture at the hands of his captors after they had discovered him running a postal service between two camps. At the end of the war, though, he was still strong enough to commandeer a boat and its crew and to secure the surrender of the remaining Japanese garrisons on the islands of the Riau archipelago, then part of Dutch territory. At the same time, he recovered the mess silver of the Royal Scots (his brother's regiment) and of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He was appointed MBE in recognition of his actions.

He returned to Malaya in early 1946 to head the newly-formed Department of Public Relations. From there he was posted to Klang as district officer, then to Kelantan as adviser and, finally, to Seremban as Resident for Negeri Selimban.

Towards the end of his tour of duty in Seremban, he survived a political attack by the nationalist leader Aziz Ishak. During the Emergency he devised the only effective form of food control — central rice kitchens designed to prevent rice being smuggled to the Communist insurgents in the jungle — and for this work was appointed CMG. It also led to his meeting Tunku Abdul Rahman, then the country's Chief Minister. To him he indicated his intention of staying on in the country after Independence in 1957 — this despite having recently inherited an Irish castle and 1,000 acres (which he eventually sold in 1968). He was immediately recruited into the new administration. His final job, to which he was appointed personally by the Tunku, was



to be in charge of the country's public records.

In retirement Sheppard worked tirelessly for the All Malaya Muslim Welfare Association, the Ex-Services Association and the Malaysian branch of the Royal Asiatic Society. For the past ten years he helped to establish the Heritage of Malaysia Trust, an organisation with aims similar to those of the National Trust. He was created Tan Sri, the Malaysian equivalent of a knighthood, in 1969.

He kept up a constant flow of books and articles. His most informative book was *Taman Budiman: Memoirs of an Unorthodox Civil Servant* (1978), while his friendship with Tunku Abdul Rahman was eloquently expressed in his two-volume *Tunku: A Pictorial Biography*.

He is survived by his wife Rosemary, whom he married in Singapore Cathedral in 1939 and who accompanied him to many of his postings, and their daughter.

PROFESSOR GWENDOLEN REES



Gwendolen Rees, pictured in *Vogue*, 1975

Gwendolen Rees, FRS, Professor of Zoology, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, 1971-73, died on October 4 aged 88. She was born in Cardiff on July 3, 1906.

IN A long and fruitful career based substantially on the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, Gwendolen Rees established a worldwide reputation for her specialist knowledge of helminthology (the study of parasitic worms). In her sphere she published, in spite of the problems brought about by the Second World War, more than 68 original and substantial papers in primary journals. She simultaneously supervised the publication of more than 50 others based on thesis work by her research students.

Born in Llandaff, Florence Gwendolen Rees was the daughter of a police superintendent in Glamorgan. In 1918, when she was 12, the family moved to the valley town of Aberdare but this did not detract from her educational opportunities since the town has produced a number of distinguished academics. She was educated at the Intermediate School for Girls, Aberdare, where she showed a particular interest in biology and won three scholarships to University College, Cardiff.

There she obtained an excellent honours degree in zoology in 1928 and started research for a PhD on that most relevant of topics to farming in Wales, namely, liver fluke disease in sheep. By June 1930 she had completed an enormous amount of research for her doctoral thesis in the astonishingly short period of 18 months and during this time she had also pursued a six-week course in German at Strasbourg to assist her in interpreting helminthological papers in the language. Her final thesis was regarded as the most impressive piece of research work in helminthology to have appeared to that date.

Early in 1930 she was appointed an assistant lecturer at University College of Wales, Aberystwyth, where she was subsequently to be Senior Lecturer, 1946-66, Reader, 1966-71, and the holder of a personal Chair, 1971-73. At Aberystwyth over a period of 44 years, she had heavy undergraduate teaching and administrative duties but she also continued with her own research as well as supervising research students.

Her research showed continuous progress on two fronts of fundamental importance in parasitology: on the nature and significance of the extraordinary life cycle of endoparasitic flukes and on morphological and ecological explanations of the host-specificity of parasitic worms. In this research she established a worldwide reputation for the University College of Wales as a major centre in helminthology.

Gwendolen Rees led parties of students for study periods to biology stations in Scotland, Denmark, Spain, Portugal and to museums in Berlin, Leningrad, Moscow and Paris; in 1961 she was a visiting scientist at the University of Ghana. She was a member of the editorial board of *Parasitology*, 1960-1970, and its chairman, 1970-81. She was also vice-president, 1970-72, and president, 1972-74, of the British Society for Parasitology.

In 1971 she was elected a Fellow of the Institute of Biology and in the same year became the first woman in Wales to be elected a Fellow of the Royal Society. She was awarded the Linnean Medal for Zoology for 1990.

Gwendolen Rees maintained an active interest in parasitology for over 60 years, having established an international standing at an early age. Until this year she remained as vivacious as ever, a friendly, courteous and scholarly person who was once nominated as one of Wales's best-dressed women, appearing in a *Vogue* feature alongside Margaret Thatcher and other influential British women.

For more than 40 years she communicated through meticulous hand-written letters with all her former research students, many of whom also enjoyed her hospitality and a glass of whisky in the relaxing atmosphere of her home.

She was unmarried.

CHIEF SIMEON ADEBO

Chief Simeon Adebo, CMG, former Permanent Representative of Nigeria at the United Nations, died on September 30 aged 80. He was born on October 5, 1913.



ONE of the pioneers of the Nigerian Civil Service, Simeon Olaosebikan Adebo rose to be permanent secretary of the Treasury and head of the Western Nigeria Civil Service, Ibadan, before serving from 1962 to 1967 as Nigeria's Permanent Representative at the United Nations.

Born at Itoko, Abeokuta, in Ogun State, in the south west of the country, and educated at Abeokuta Grammar School and King's College, Lagos, he worked as a clerk with the United African Company and the Nigerian Railways Corporation until 1943 when he joined the Federal Government Secretariat in Lagos as an administrative officer cadet. By 1954 he had become Assistant Financial Secretary to the federal government. During this period he came to London to study law and was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 1949.

In 1955 he moved to Ibadan where he became Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Finance, 1955-57, and then spent five years as head of the civil service and chief secretary to the Western Nigerian Government. In 1962 he became Nigeria's second Permanent Representative at the UN, where he served with distinction for five years, after which he became Under Secretary-General and executive director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (Unitar), the first African to hold the post. He stayed in that job until 1972.

On his return to Nigeria he took up the chairmanship of the National Universities' Commission between 1975 and 1977, and was also chairman of the board of governors of the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies, 1979-82. He was Chancellor, Obafemi Awolowo University at Ile-Ife, 1982-84, and was Chancellor of the University of Lagos, 1984-92.

Simeon Adebo, who was the Okanlomo (Chief) of Egbaland in Ogun State, was an outstanding Nigerian. He combined intellectual depth with meticulous and hard work. A strict disciplinarian, he practised what he preached in his fatherly manner and with great charm and a mordant wit.

He was president of the Society for International Development from 1966 to 1968 and vice-president of the Association of World Federalists. He also held the traditional title of Okanlomo of Itoko.

He had been appointed CMG in 1959 and in 1978 became a Commander of the Order of Federal Republic of Nigeria (CFR). He also had numerous honorary degrees.

Adebo was the author of a number of books: with Sir Sydney Phillipson *Report on the Nigerianisation of the Nigerian Civil Service* (1953), *Our Unforgettable Years* (1984) and *Our International Years* (1988).

Simeon Adebo married Regina Abimbola, daughter of Chief D. A. Majekodunmi, in 1941. He is survived by her and by three sons and a daughter.

COMMUNICATION WITH INDIA

To the Editor of The Times

Sir, Several proposals have lately appeared in your columns regarding through railway routes to India, as well as schemes for more rapid communications. The great objection to all is their insecurity in the event of war. No treaty guaranteeing the neutrality of any such railways during war could be depended on, be the contracting parties European or Asiatic Powers. If the Turks were our Allies, they would, doubtless, do their best to protect the lines through their country; but, with the almost certainty of their having Russia as an enemy, they would require the bulk of their troops in the European direction. A small amount of Russian gold distributed in Asia Minor would cut up the railways sufficiently to render them of no use to us in communicating with the East. The Persians, again, might be neutral; but the chances are strongly in favour of their being on the Russian side. Whether or no, the tribes along the railway could easily be bribed to break it up. The Herat and Kurrachee line would not then be very profitable or useful to us.

Let me recommend another route. I approve that from Constantinople to Teheran and Herat; thence I would carry the line to Candahar, Cabool, and Peshawar. The engineering difficulties would not be excessive; the distance to India less; the political and military advantages would be great; the trade benefit to India and England too. I believe, would be superior to that afforded by any of the other lines proposed.

Afghanistan is and must continue our ally. If we had a war with Russia or any other Power involving operations in Asia, she must be supported and aided, and her territory held by us if necessary. Supposing the line through Persia to be closed, we would still be able to pour our resources into Afghanistan from Upper India, and rapidly and with facility post our troops on all the strategical points along the North and West of that country. For such service regiments composed of Sikhs, Punjabees, and Puthans would form the native portion of our army. Hence my saying Upper India. They could be more easily put in position by using a railway from Pesahawar to Herat than by one starting from Kurrachee. But why should such a railway as is contemplated have its Indian terminus at Kurrachee? It must be allowed that no railway as regards conveyances of bulky or heavy goods will supersede ocean carriage. Still less will it be able to compete even, if it has to run at the rate of 40 miles an hour. The average rate of Indian railways just now is under 20 miles an hour, including stoppages; they cannot afford a higher speed.

There are many points remaining for discussion. First, let us hear the opinions regarding the line through Persia being carried via Herat, Candahar, and Cabool to Peshawar.

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NEWS

Aitken denies lying over hotel bill

■ Jonathan Aitken, backed by the Cabinet Secretary and an aggressive John Major, fiercely countered allegations that he had lied over the bill for a two-day stay at the Paris Ritz as the Government failed to extricate itself from the continuing crisis over sleaze.

The Government was further frustrated with the news that Dame Angela Rumbold, a Tory vice chairman, had stepped down as executive director of a firm of political lobbyists after being reported on her alleged role in the choice of Ebbsfleet for the Channel Tunnel rail link station..... **Pages 1, 2, 11**

Room 526 haunts Treasury minister

■ The long walk down the corridor to Room 526 at the Ritz Hotel has come to haunt Jonathan Aitken. Mr Aitken spent two nights in the Al-Fayed hotel last September ..... **Pages 1, 2, 11**

Clinton visits Syria

President Clinton, anxious to cap the Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty with a comprehensive Middle East settlement, became the first US leader in 20 years to visit Syria ..... **Pages 1, 14**

Poll boost for Major

John Major's handling of the Northern Ireland ceasefire has helped to boost his opinion poll rating to its highest level for 18 months, according to a MORI poll for *The Times*.. **Pages 1, 2, 11**

Soldiers held

Four British soldiers serving with UN forces in Bosnia are still being held by Bosnian Serbs despite promises that they would be released ..... **Pages 1, 17**

Robbers jailed

A *former Gordonstoun school* boy who carried out violent crimes for kicks was jailed for eight years by the High Court in Aberdeen ..... **Page 3**

Grades in doubt

GCSE examination boards were ordered to take urgent action to *safeguard standards after* Government advisers cast doubt on the value of grades awarded to candidates ..... **Page 5**

Hostage fears

Fears were growing that three Westerners, including a Briton, taken hostage by the Khmer *Rouge in July, have been killed by* their captors..... **Page 15**

Film investigated

*The British Board of Film Classi*fication is to investigate the alleged links between Oliver Stone's film *Natural Born Killers* and real killings ..... **Page 13**

Riddle solved

The world's most tantalising mathematical riddle may have met its match at the hands of the British-born mathematician who believed he had it solved last year ..... **Page 12**

Labour divided

Tony Blair's intention to promote high-flyers from the 1992 intake via the whips' office led to a row within the Labour Party. **Page 11**

Legal reforms

*Proposals to streamline the proce*dures under which the public can challenge decisions by government and local authorities in court were unveiled by the Law Commission..... **Page 8**

Republicans march

Across the southern United *States, from the shopping malls* of Miami to backwoods prayer meetings in Tennessee and on to the Texas prairie, Republicans are on the march ..... **Page 16**

Defence policy

Britain hastened its shift towards a "Europeanised" defence policy, *and in doing so gave a glimpse of* the Government's plans for the *next phase of the battle over the* shape of the EU..... **Page 17**

BR clerk counts cost of straight tie

■ British Rail escaped being dunned for £700,000 in damages in a Warwickshire court. Its crime? A passenger thought that a BR ticket seller had overstepped the mark when, uninvited, he leant over and straightened the passenger's tie. The case was brought by Ion Roach, 67, who claimed that the BR counter clerk had assaulted him..... **Page 6**



MARK PEPPER

Jonathan Aitken and his wife, Lolicia, at their London home. Mr Aitken was cleared of any impropriety by Sir Robin Butler

BUSINESS

Economy: Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, said it would be a mistake to underestimate the strength of commitment among policy makers in the industrialised world to control *inflation* ..... **Page 25**

Buses: The Labour Party called for a *DTI inquiry into the operating* practices of Stagecoach, the bus operator..... **Page 25**

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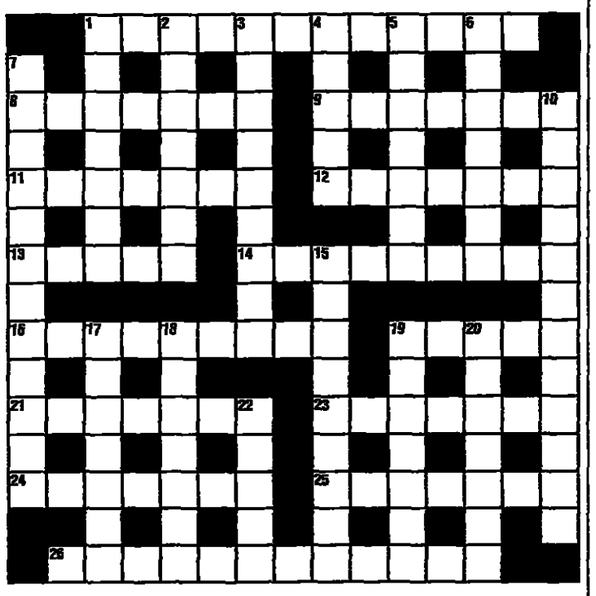
BERNARD LEVIN

Now I am sorry to burden you with matters that concern a quarrel in a faraway country between people of whom we know nothing, but when the people involved have not only the superior force, but all the force for many miles around, it behoves me to point out that there is a huge, numberless crowd of poor, frightened, tortured, cast-out, perpetually threatened people whose only crime was to get caught up in other people's battles, and that those who have brought about this wickedness are claiming that no such thing has ever happened.. **Page 20**

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WEATHER

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Poole, Dorset, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Tulloch Bridge, Highland, 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Buxton, Derbyshire, 0.74in, highest sunshine: Bognor *Regis, West Sussex, 9.7hr*

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General: England and Wales will have a mostly bright day with sunny spells, any showers being largely confined to the west in the morning. *Increasing cloud will bring rain to* western areas in the evening.

Northern Ireland will have sunshine and a few showers before rain moves in during the evening.

Showers over Scotland, mainly in the north and west, will retreat towards the northern isles, leaving all *parts, especially the east, with some* sunshine. Rain will reach the south-west towards midnight.

London, SE England, E Anglia, E England, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: sunny or clear periods, isolated daytime showers. Wind west or *southwest, mainly moderate. Max* 12C (54F).

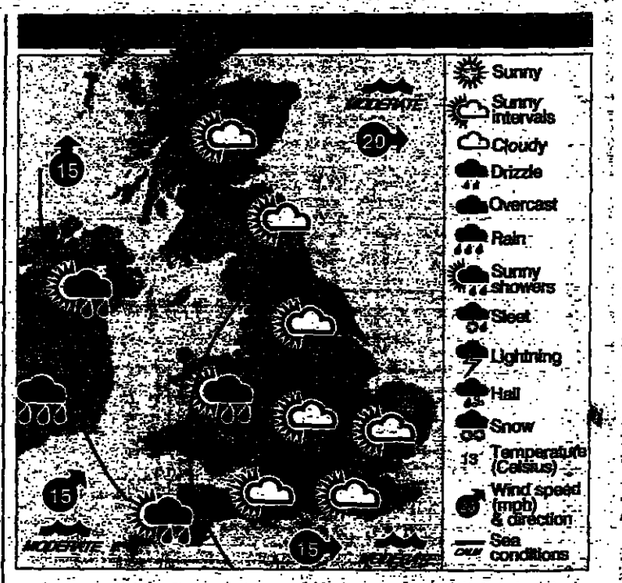
Central S England, E Midlands, Channel Isles, Central N England: sunny spells, showers dying out, cloudy later. Wind west or southwest, mainly moderate. Max 12C (54F).

W Midlands, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: sunny spells, showers dying out, rain later. Wind west or south-west, *moderate, becoming fresh or* strong later. Max 12C (54F).

Central Highlands, NW Scotland: sunny or clear intervals, showers dying out. Wind northwest, *becoming southeast, mainly light.* Max 11C (52F).

NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: rather cloudy, scattered showers. Wind mainly variable, light. Max 10C (50F).

Outlook: unsettled, rain or showers in all areas. Becoming milder, but also windy.



Changes to chart below from noon: lows K and Z drift northeast and fills; low U moves steadily east, filling later; low W moves slowly northeast with little change



24 hrs to 6 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright.

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.5	0.07	13	55	b	London	3.0	-	13	55	b
Anglesey	2.9	0.04	12	54	sh	Lowestoft	X				
Aspatria	2.7	0.06	11	52	sh	Manchester	2.1	0.66	12	54	sh
Aviemore	1.0	0.01	9	48	sh	Margate	X	-	13	55	s
Belfast	4.5	0.01	11	52	sh	Minehead	4.9	0.69	12	54	h
Birmingham	1.2	0.14	12	54	sh	Morecambe	5.4	0.09	12	54	b
Bognor R	8.7	-	14	57	s	Newcastle	4.6	0.02	12	54	b
Bournem'th	7.3	0.02	14	57	sh	Newquay	5.9	0.09	14	57	sh
Bristol	5.4	0.05	13	55	b	Norwich	2.3	0.01	12	54	c
Buxton	1.1	0.74	9	48	sh	Nottingham	1.0	0.02	11	52	sh
Cardiff	3.5	0.31	11	52	sh	Oxford	4.0	0.01	13	55	sh
Clacton	2.1	0.02	12	54	sh	Penzance	6.7	0.18	13	55	sh
Colwyn Bay	2.6	0.04	12	54	sh	Plymouth	5.9	0.12	11	52	h
Cromer	3.0	-	11	52	s	Poole	7.8	0.02	15	59	s
Doncaster	1.3	0.02	12	54	sh	Prestatyn	X	0.20	12	54	sh
Eastbourne	7.7	-	13	55	s	Ross-o-wye	2.4	0.02	13	55	sh
Edinburgh	1.8	0.16	12	54	sh	Ryde	X				
Eskdalemuir	0.6	0.04	9	48	sh	Salcombe	5.8	0.05	14	57	s
Exmouth	7.0	0.02	13	55	s	Sandown	7.6	0.02	13	55	s
Falmouth	X	0.16	13	65	sh	Saunth Snd	5.0	0.02	12	54	s
Fishguard	3.1	0.02	10	50	c	Scarboro'	3.7	-	12	54	s
Folkestone	7.7	-	14	57	s	Scilly Isles	6.5	0.01	12	54	sh
Glasgow	2.1	0.06	12	54	sh	Shanklin	7.9	-	13	55	s
Guernsey	X					Shrewsbury	2.1	0.07	11	52	sh
Hastings	7.8	-	14	57	s	Stagness	X				
Hayling I.	X					Southend	3.4	0.05	X	X	b
Herne Bay	5.2	-	13	55	s	Southport	3.4	0.35	12	54	sh
Hove	5.1	-	14	57	b	Southsea	8.3	-	14	57	s
Hunstanton	0.2	0.02	11	52	c	Stornoway	3.1	0.02	9	48	sh
Ilfracombe	X					Swanage	7.4	-	13	55	s
Isle of Man	7.2	-	12	54	s	Teignmouth	7.5	-	13	55	s
Jersey	5.9	0.34	14	57	sh	Tenby	X				
Kinloss	1.9	0.01	11	52	c	Torquay	7.4	-	13	55	s
Leeds	4.7	0.03	12	54	b	Tynemouth	5.0	0.01	12	54	b
Lerwick	2.9	0.02	10	50	sh	Ventnor	7.9	-	13	55	s
Lauchars	3.2	-	12	54	c	West-s-mare	X				
Littlehmptn	7.8	0.02	14	57	sh	Weymouth	6.9	0.04	13	55	s
Liverpool	X										

There are Wednesday's figures

Ajaccio	20	68	s	C'phagn	9	48	c	Madrid	15	59	r	Rome	20	68	f
Akrotiri	26	77	s	Corfu	18	64	t	Majorca	21	70	t	Salzburg	13	55	s
Alex'dria	25	77	f	Dublin	10	50	t	Malaga	20	68	c	S F'isco	16	61	f
Algiers	23	73	f	Dubrovnik	23	73	s	Malta	25	77	s	Santiago	25	79	s
Amst'dm	8	46	r	Faro	20	68	r	Melb'rne	-	--		S Paulo	23	73	c
Athens	24	75	c	Florence	18	64	s	Miami	29	84	f	Seoul	20	68	s
Bahrain	29	84	s	Frankfurt	11	52	c	Milan	15	59	s	Sing'por	25	77	f
Bangkok	31	88	s	Funchal	23	73	f	Montreal	10	50	c	St'kholm	8	46	c
Barbados	30	86	f	Geneva	12	54	s	Moscow	10	50	c	Strasb'g	12	54	f
Barcelona	19	66	f	Gibraltar	19	66	c	Munich	12	54	s	Sydney	18	64	f
Beirut	26	79	f	Helsinki	8	46	r	Nairobi	26	79	f	Tangier	22	72	c
Belgrade	14	57	f	Hong K	28	82	s	Naples	22	72	f	Tel Aviv	29	84	s
Berlin	11	52	c	Innsbruck	10	50	s	N Delhi	31	88	s	Tenerife	24	75	f
Bermuda	26	79	c	Istanbul	20	68	s	N York	12	54	c	Tokyo	21	70	c
Biarritz	13	55	f	Jeddah	35	95	c	Nice	20	68	s	Toronto	10	50	f
Borde'x	15	59	f	Jo'burg	27	81	s	Oslo	8	48	d	Tunis	25	77	s
Brussels	9	48	r	Karachi	-	--		Paris	11	52	c	Valencia	18	64	r
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B Aires	18	64	f	Le Touet	8	46	f	Perth	19	66	f	Venice	15	59	s
Cairo	27	81	f	Lisbon	16	61	f	Prague	10	50	c	Vienna	14	57	f
Cape Tn	21	70	f	Locarno	13	55	s	Reykjavik	-1	30	s	Warsaw	9	48	c
Chicago	10	50	f	L Angels	19	66	f	Rhodes	24	75	s	Wash'ton	11	52	f
Ch'church	15	59	-	Luxembg	8	46	r	Rio de J	25	77	f	Wel'ngton	15	59	s
Cologne	11	52	f	Luxor	34	93	s	Riyadh	33	91	s	Zurich	11	52	s

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Aberdeen	6.59	3.4	7.24	3.5	Lowestoft	2.24	2.2	4.10	2.1
Avonmouth	6.56	3.9	8.21	3.8	Margate	5.00	4.0	6.10	3.9
Belfast	4.28	2.9	4.53	3.1	Milford Haven	11.41	5.3	-	-
Cardiff	11.51	9.29	-	-	Newquay	10.37	5.4	11.27	5.2
Devonport	10.58	4.5	11.35	4.2	Oban	11.13	3.1	-	-
Dover	4.13	5.4	5.18	5.3	Penzance	10.12	4.5	10.53	4.2
Falmouth	10.26	4.3	11.05	4.0	Portland	11.30	1.5	-	-
Glasgow	6.14	4.0	6.23	4.4	Portsmouth	5.35	3.9	4.53	3.9
Harwich	4.51	3.4	5.34	3.3	Shoreham	4.12	4.8	4.50	4.7
Holyhead	3.53	4.4	4.19	4.5	Southampton	4.10	3.9	4.36	3.8
Hull	11.51	5.65	-	-	Swansea	5.07	3.5	5.16	3.5
Ilfracombe	11.14	8.98	-	-	Tees	9.30	4.2	9.52	4.3
King's Lynn	-	-	12.00	4.8	Wilton-on-Hmr	4.45	3.5	5.28	3.4
Leith	3.02	4.6	3.27	4.5					

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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — FRIDAY OCTOBER 28 1994

Inflation fears exaggerated, says Bank chief

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

EDDIE George, Governor of the Bank of England, said yesterday that inflation is less likely to be a problem in the current world economic upturn than in past ones and that present fears of higher inflation in the financial markets are probably exaggerated.

Speaking to the Euromoney International Bond Congress in London, Mr George said that the markets were bound to be cynical in the light of past failures to contain inflation but that it would be a mistake to underestimate the strength of the commitment among industrialised countries to price stability this time around. He also said that markets have not fully taken on board the progress being made in cutting budget deficits.

Mr George has often expressed frustration recently with the large rise in bond yields this year and is clearly campaigning to rebuild confidence in the gilt-edged market. Yesterday, he cited a number of other factors bearing down on inflation, including a huge overhang of structural unemployment, particularly in Europe, and intense competition in Britain and globally.

He also emphasised that interest rates are already quite high in real terms and that this has dampened down growth in money supply. He said: "Whatever the reason, it would be extraordinary if we had a strong acceleration of inflation with such slow monetary growth."

In spite of this optimism, Mr George repeated his conviction that governments must tighten monetary policy before higher inflation turns up in statistics and continue efforts to cut budget deficits. If this were done, he said, there was "a better chance than is perhaps recognised that inflationary pressures can be successfully restrained in the present upswing."

These views were echoed by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, at question time. He told MPs: "We will be able to keep interest rates down, and still consistent with our monetary policy, if we act in good time, if our fiscal policy is sound and if we keep on the course that we have now set."

Comments from both men were closely scrutinised for any clues as to how discussions will run at their monthly monetary meeting on interest rate policy next Wednesday. There is already speculation that another rate rise may be agreed in the light of this week's CBI survey, which showed another rise in the proportion of manufacturers who intend to put prices up over the next few months.

Answering questions after his speech, Mr George said the Bank was continuing to monitor emerging capacity constraints, lengthening delivery times and some prices increases that have shown up in CBI surveys, but added that monetary policy would not be decided on this evidence alone.

These comments coincided with a warning from the CBI that Britain's international competitiveness is being put at risks by pay awards creeping above the rate of inflation.

Pay deals in manufacturing averaged 2.9 per cent in the third quarter, compared with 2.8 per cent in the second, and 2.6 per cent in the first, according to the CBI's Pay Databank. In services, pay awards were 3.4 per cent, against 3.3 per cent and 2.6 per cent in the previous two quarters.

Howard Davies, CBI director-general, said: "While the increase in pay awards is marginal, the slight upward shift over the last six months gives cause for concern." He noted that, although British productivity gains suggest that unit labour costs would continue to fall, Britain is no longer matching key competitors such as America and Germany, which are seeing falls of 2 and 3 per cent a year.

This caution on pay contrasted with Mr George's speech in which he asserted that "upward pressure on labour costs is likely to remain weaker than in earlier expansions."

□ National Westminster Bank said that 100,000 new businesses started trading in the three months to September, the largest number in any quarter since March, 1992. The bank said that the figures were a sign that confidence was returning.

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Labour call for DTI inquiry on Stagecoach

By George Sivell

THE Labour Party yesterday called for a Department of Trade and Industry inquiry into the operating practices of Stagecoach, the bus company.

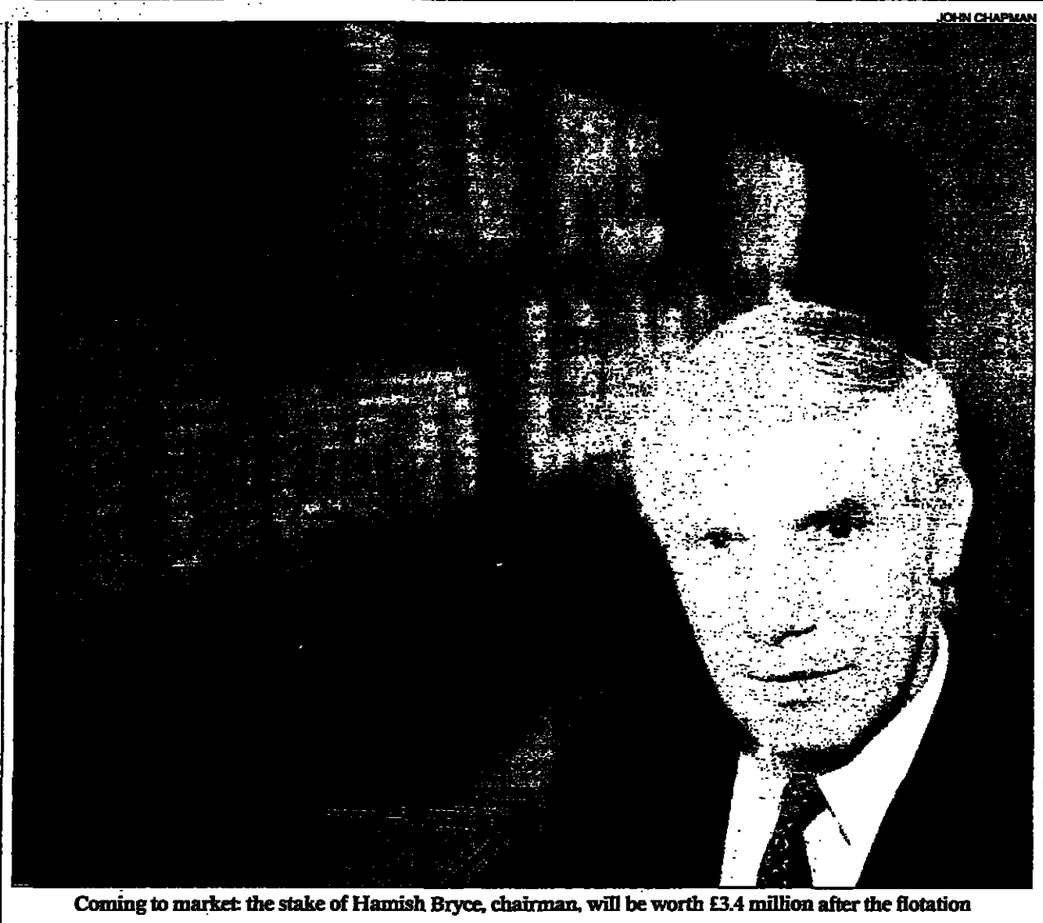
Brian Wilson, the party's trade spokesman, said in a letter to Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, that when Stagecoach moved into an area it "flooded the area with buses, to undercut existing operators and to create a bus war which they are guaranteed to win because they invariably have the deeper pockets".

The OFT said yesterday that it had looked at 18 mergers involving Stagecoach between the end of 1989 and today, which were to be seen as part of the ordinary advice given by the OFT to the DTI on whether to allow a takeover to proceed, and to which nothing sinister ought to be attached.

It had also looked at two Stagecoach subsidiaries, South Down and Fife Scottish, under the Competition Act. In the Fife inquiry, the company gave undertakings to the OFT after having been found to have acted anti-competitively.

Derek Scott, finance director of Stagecoach, disputed Mr Wilson's claims. He said that 18 of 21 reports by the OFT had cleared Stagecoach.

A BBC TV documentary in the *Southern Eye* series highlights Stagecoach, claiming that it often ended up with local monopolies in new areas after rivals had gone out of business.



JOHN CHAPMAN

Coming to market: the stake of Hamish Bryce, chairman, will be worth £3.4 million after the flotation

TLG flotation price lower than forecast

DOLDRUMS in the new issues market have forced City advisers to TLG, the lighting firm that was bought out from Thorn EMI, to cut the price at which the company is floated (Susan Gilchrist writes). TLG will be valued at £204.8 million, £20 million lower than forecast.

Shares will be priced at 115p; 58.7 million shares are being placed with institutional investors, and the remaining 19.6 million reserved for the public and employees.

The existing investors — Investcorp, Thorn EMI and the management — will retain 45, 6 and 7 per cent, respectively. The stake of Hamish Bryce, the chairman, will be worth £3.4 million.

Big leap in ICI earnings underlines world upturn

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THIRD-QUARTER figures from ICI, Britain's leading chemicals group, provide further evidence of worldwide economic recovery. Profits moved smartly ahead in all the group's divisions.

Pre-tax profits, shorn of those from the Zeneca pharmaceuticals operation that was spun off last year, and excluding exceptionals, improved from £239 million to £365 million in the first nine months of the year. For the third quarter itself, the jump was even more pronounced — from £59 million to £131 million.

The company, meanwhile, said it was investing £100 million in a new plant at its site at Rozenburg in The Netherlands. It would make MDI, an important component in the manufacture of polyurethanes. Much of the plant's output will be shipped to China. The investment is a further step in the expansion of key businesses to give them global scale.

Sir Denys Henderson, the chairman, said: "ICI remains on track. Our businesses have continued to build on their positive start to the year and have delivered encouraging results in the face of strong competition." But the figures were a little below some estimates, and his optimism on prospects for the world economy was not sufficient to prevent the shares falling 12½p, to 786½p.

Sir Denys said most of the profit improvement had come from volume gains and improved productivity; prices in the nine months had been largely unchanged against the corresponding period. Demand in most of the developed world looked more promising than for some time, with recovery under way in continental Europe.

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London close	$388.85	($388.95)

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Taxing question

A top committee, set up because of mounting public concern about the inefficiency and complexity of the tax system, meets for the first time today to establish an initial programme of work, under the presidency of Lord Howe, a former Chancellor of the Exchequer. The committee has all-party support and is being financed by the Bank of England. Page 26

New cocktail

Reshaping of Allied Domecq, the worldwide drinks and food group formerly known as Allied-Lyons, is continuing after this year's acquisition of control of Pedro Domecq, the Spanish drinks producer. Page 27

Hydro braced to tackle regulator

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

SCOTTISH Hydro-Electric is expected today to issue an official challenge to the electricity industry regulator by forcing a Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) review of his latest ruling.

The company has until Monday to say whether it will accept the decision on the permitted level of price rises made earlier this month by Stephen Littlechild, of the Office of Electricity Regulation, which Hydro believes unfairly penalises it compared with the rest of the power industry.

Hydro will make a formal announcement of the board's decision this morning. Although the company was strictly refusing to comment on which way it would jump, industry sources believe it will opt for a confrontation. A refusal, unprecedented among the power firms, to accept Professor Littlechild's ruling would require a lengthy examination by the MMC of the latest formula governing prices north of the border.

But the increasing chance that Hydro has been pushed to just such a course of action was reflected by recent falls in its share price.

Although the shares ended unchanged yesterday, they have slipped by 12p to 313p over the past week as analysts worried over the uncertainty an MMC inquiry would bring.

This has widened the price gap between Hydro and ScottishPower, which is expected to accept the Littlechild ruling. Its shares gained 7p to 349p yesterday and are now unchanged over the past week.

Ladbroke loses Euro court bid

BY GEORGE SIVELL, ASSISTANT BUSINESS EDITOR

THE European courts have thrown out a bid by Ladbroke, the bookmaker, to try to force the European Commission to end the French betting monopoly, the Pari Mutuel Urbain.

Ladbroke is keen to expand its betting operations in mainland Europe and has asked the European Court of First Instance to declare that the Commission had broken European Union law by not ordering the French government to stop giving exclusive rights to the Pari Mutuel Urbain over off-course betting in France.

The court dismissed Ladbroke's appeal as "inadmissible" on technical grounds.

Ladbroke has three other cases pending in the court aimed at opening up the betting systems in France and Germany.

The group said yesterday that it was still confident of being able to make progress "over time" in its attempts to open up the betting industry in continental Europe to further competition despite yesterday's dismissal.

Ladbroke said: "We are reviewing the decision and in due course will decide what further action to take."

The problem Ladbroke faces in attempting to break up the European betting monopolies is that it is not clearly defined if betting is covered by the Treaty of Rome. Yesterday's ruling applied to only one article and the future cases will consider other articles.

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Hard cheese for McPloughman's

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

MCDONALD'S, the US hamburger chain, disclosed yesterday that it had considered plans to introduce a "McPloughman's" in Britain, aimed at combating "horrifying" opposition to its American brashness.

The company said that customers in Britain saw it as arrogant, insincere and uncaring. It had "struggled" through the recession to find out what it had been doing wrong.

The company's revelation came from Paul Preston, UK president and chief executive officer. He revealed that a version of the traditional British Ploughman's lunch of bread, cheese and pickle was piloted to try to fight competition from supermarket chains.



He told the annual conference of the Institute of Personnel and Development: "We figured we needed a share of the action, and we developed — wait for it — McPloughman's."

But he admitted that the company had not researched the McPloughman's sufficiently well with either its customers or its staff, who were too embarrassed to mention or serve it: "If we had done our homework we would have found that our customers didn't want the product and our staff were embarrassed even to have to say McPloughman's, let alone to have to sell it to our customers."

McDonald's abandoned the idea. Its move came after it was hit hard in the British economic recession of the early 1990s, when it realised that the service formula which had sustained it since opening its first fast-food hamburger restaurant in 1974 was no longer working.

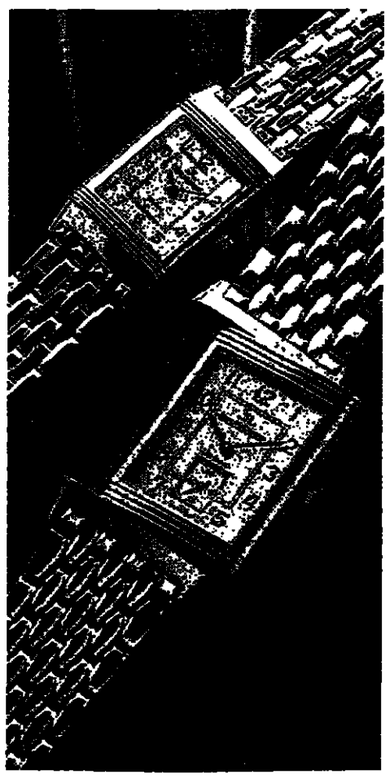
McDonald's commissioned "exhaustive" research among UK customers, and Mr Preston acknowledged that the company was "shocked" by its "horrifying" findings. These showed that British customers regarded the US chain as loud, brash, complacent, uncaring, insensitive, insincere, suspicious, disciplinarian and arrogant.

Mr Preston said that as a result of its customer research, the company — which recently disclosed that its UK staff would no longer have to say automatically such Americanisms as "have a nice day!" to every customer — had brought in a "radical change" in its approach to doing business in Britain, listening much more closely to what customers wanted.

McDonald's now has 530 hamburger restaurants throughout Britain, employing 32,000 people, with sales totalling more than £650 million.

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Tax review body meets for first time today

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

A TOP level committee, set up because of mounting public concern about the inefficiency and complexity of the tax system, meets for the first time today to establish an initial programme of work.

Under the presidency of Lord Howe, a former Chancellor of the Exchequer, the committee has all-party support and is being financed by the Bank of England, two clearing banks, leading public industrial companies, and prominent legal and accountancy firms. It will sit under the auspices of the Institute for Fiscal Studies and has full backing from the Treasury and the Inland Revenue.

Members include Alistair Darling, Labour's City spokesman, and Sir William Goodhart, a member of the Liberal Democrat's policy committee. It will be chaired by Graham Aaronson, QC, a leading tax barrister. The judiciary will be represented at the highest level by Lord Templeman and Lord Nolan, appointed this week as head of John Major's new ethics committee.

Mr Aaronson said: "The perception that matters cannot go on as they have has brought together a strong committee, which ensures that note will be taken of its recommendations."

The idea of the committee was first discussed two years ago over lunch by Malcolm Gammie, a partner at Linklaters & Paines and chairman of the IFS Executive Committee, and about six other leading tax practioners.

Mr Gammie said that the motivation for the new committee came from the sheer volume and complexity of new tax legislation. He added: "Parliament has enacted more and more tax legislation and less and less people can get to grips with it." He added that new laws were so complicated that the Inland Revenue was having to issue endless practice statements and general explanations which was, he said, clearly self-defeating.

Probable areas of consideration will include the ever increasing burden on the tax system of higher numbers of self-employed and the balance of taxation between employees on PAYE and the self-employed; the complexities of Capital Gains Tax as policy moves towards self-assessment; issues arising out of parallel systems of income tax and National Insurance and, on the broadest level, the sheer volume of form filling with which the public is burdened.

The committee intends to issue reports on different topics at regular intervals and, as a permanent body to review tax questions, breaks the cycle of looking at tax issues just once a year in the run-up to the Budget.

Mr Gammie said that the committee was not designed to make tax policy, but to make policy work. However, he said that it was conceivable that the committee might recommend a change in tax policy if that was the only way to make a particular aspect of the system workable.

Sponsors have initially agreed to fund the committee for an initial period of three years. It is intended that members will meet four times a year.

A measure of the broad remit of the committee is the wide variety of members. Leading tax experts are joined, for example, by Sue Slipman, director of the National Council for One-Parent Families, and Sally Witcher, director of the Child Poverty Action Group.



Lord Howe has been appointed to the presidency of the committee, which has backing from the Inland Revenue

Ruling may push Lloyd's agencies into insolvency

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

MANY of the 71 Lloyd's members' agencies involved in the Gooda Walker case face possible insolvency because their insurers are questioning whether they should fund any interim payment awarded to litigating names.

After their High Court victory this month, the 3,096 litigaring Gooda Walker names are seeking early payment of part of the compensation award they are due to receive. This has thrown up issues relevant to many other action groups — there are more than 30 — and, as a result, Mr Justice Phillips, the judge, has convened a hearing today with the action groups' solicitors.

The main concern relates to the 98 errors and omissions (E&O) insurers, who provided insurance cover to the members' agents. In the High Court action, the names successfully proved negligence on the part of the 71 members' agents and, as a result, the agents are calling on the E&O insurance cover.

Last Friday, Mr Justice Phillips met Wilde Sapte, solicitors to the action group; Elborne Mitchell, solicitors to the members' agents; and Clyde and Co, solicitors to the E&O insurers. Michael Deeny, the chairman of the Gooda Walker Action Group, said: "Clyde & Co argued that the E&O insurers would not be liable to fund any interim payment awarded by Mr Justice Phillips."

Michael Payton, at Clyde & Co, said the E&O insurers wanted the court to determine whether the agents' insurance policies were triggered by an interim payment. "We owe a duty of care to the names on the E&O syndicates and their reinsurers," he said.

If the court rules that the E&O insurers should not cover the interim payment, it would have to be funded by the members' agents. Many agencies would be forced into insolvency, because the vast bulk of their assets are in the form of their E&O insurance.

Mr Justice Phillips is expected to provide a timetable for considering this argument, together with other issues, at today's hearing.

The other issues include taxation. The members' agents are said to be arguing that the judgment will be tax-free and, therefore, that the payment should be reduced to take this into account. However, the names believe that the Inland Revenue will tax the compensation award as a trading income.

Ziff family sells publisher for $1.4bn

THE Ziff family is selling its Ziff-Davis Publishing Co to Forstmann Little & Co, a private investment firm, for $1.4 billion in cash.

Forstmann Little is acquiring five units — business media, consumer media, international media, market research and Ziff-Davis Interactive. Not included in the transaction are Ziff-Davis's trade show business; Ziff's Interchange Network Co and Information Access Co. The family said that these remaining properties were being auctioned.

The Ziff family will retain a small equity interest in the company, and Ziff-Davis will continue to be based in New York City and run by its current management team.

Montague granted stay of execution

ROBERT Montague, head of Central Transport Rental Group, formerly Tiphook, won a stay of execution ahead of a bankruptcy hearing originally set for today at Oxford Crown Court. His banks had been asked to agree a month's grace while he put together an individual voluntary arrangement, an alternative to bankruptcy that would require the agreement of three-quarters of his creditors.

The court last night agreed to an adjournment while Mr Montague continued negotiations with his banks. He has been given a fixed time to prepare an arrangement to present to court. Such an arrangement usually involves phased payment of debts out of existing assets and future earnings. Bankruptcy would require his disqualification as a director of any public company.

Permanent premium

SHARES in Irish Permanent, Ireland's largest building society before it converted to bank status, were at a 19 per cent premium in their first day of trading yesterday. The shares closed at 215p, valuing the company at £218.45 million, compared with their 180p flotation price. Just under half the 27.7 million new shares issued, to raise £37 million, were sold to people who were members of Irish Permanent when it was a mutual society. Market report, page 28

Setback for Thames

THAMES Water is considering its next move after Ian Byatt, director-general of the industry regulator, said its plans to take over water supply to 20,000 households from East Surrey, a smaller rival water company, did not appear to be legally viable. At an informal meeting with Thames, Mr Byatt said he did not think its plan could be justified under current legislation. Croydon council had asked Thames to take over as water supplier because its charges are lower.

EC backs Orly challenge

BRITISH Airways and other airlines seeking access to Paris Orly airport won the European Commission's blessing to take the French Government to court yesterday, the deadline for the European Court of Justice order that France opens up Orly. Marcelino Oreja, the European transport commissioner, urged airlines to seek redress in the French courts after the French Transport Minister said he would only open two key domestic routes from Orly next January.

Budget plea on whisky

WHISKY makers have urged Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to cut taxes on Scotch and other spirits by 10 per cent in the Budget. The move would be a help to Scotch sales and boost Treasury coffers, strengthening Mr Clarke's hand in negotiations on excise duties in Europe, the Scotch Whisky Association said. At those negotiations, Mr Clarke must hold out for significant cuts in overseas excise duties that "discriminate" against Scotch, it said.

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Germany Dm	2.60	2.39
Greece Dr	392.00	367.00
Hong Kong $	13.27	12.27
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2595.00	2440.00
Japan Yen	173.50	156.50
Malta	0.622	0.567
Netherlds Gld	2.885	2.656
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Portugal Esc	260.50	242.00
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Some banks 'will not survive'

SIR Brian Pitman, the chief executive of Lloyds Bank, said that some high street banks would disappear as the banking industry shakeout deepened. He said financial services in Britain, which had already lost 160,000 jobs in the past five years, faced the kind of upheaval that manufacturing industry had already gone through.

He told the conference in Harrogate that widespread overcapacity in banking, at a time of low economic growth, would produce "unprecedented levels of competition, in which only the most productive companies are going to win". The challenge was "survival".

The gap between the best and worst performers "is likely to widen; the weakest will disappear". Banks that could become leaders in customer service, asset quality, costs and innovation would, however, emerge stronger than ever.

Banks' problems had been "masked" by the inflationary boom of the 1980s, Sir Brian said, but low inflation would have a profound effect. Low inflation would mean low demand for loans, and inflation would no longer "bail out" poor advances on property, so banks would have to manage their businesses more rigorously.

He said: "Banks' annual accounts will no longer be distorted by inflation giving them a deceptive gloss of health." Having learned to live with inflation, banks and other organisations would now have to learn to live without it. They would, for instance, no longer be able to afford automatic annual pay rises if they were to survive increasing competition.

Bank unions attacked the speech. Ed Sweeney, the deputy general secretary of Bifu, the bank union, said: "He should stop, look and listen to what his staff and customers are saying. The opprobrium heaped on the banks during the last few years shows they are out of step with the public mood."

PHILIP BASSETT
Industrial Editor

'Little Thatchers' in the ascendant

"LITTLE Thatchers" — confident Conservatives, willing to get on their bikes and look for work, but not outside the UK, and who are smart in appearance and believe casual sex to be irresponsible — are now dominant among university graduates, personnel managers who recruit them were told yesterday.

Thatcherite university graduates, whose attitudes reflect many of the values associated with the previous Prime Minister, Lady Thatcher, now form a quarter of all Britain's students, new research shows.

Using a technique called cluster analysis which brings brings together a range of people surveyed in order to examine them as a whole, research by the Gallup polling organisation shows that Little Thatchers are the group of graduates most likely to have jobs, and who are most pleased with and committed to their work.

The research shows Little Thatcher graduates to be a "determined group who have the highest salary expectations", looking for starting salaries of £12,800. They are the most willing to move within the UK for a job, yet least willing to move abroad. They want jobs in industry, engineering and law, but are less likely to consider jobs in advertising, art, charity work or journalism.

The research says Little Thatchers like to be smartly dressed, are conventional in nature, and "think more than other groups that it is irresponsible to have casual sex, and are the least likely to ever knowingly buy stolen goods".

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The uncertainty premium

☐ GOVERNOR Eddie George's words of wisdom on the decline and fall of world bond markets make fascinating reading but will do little to alleviate the undercurrents of anxiety running through the City. The Governor alludes to the "uncertainty premium" and acknowledges that investors and market intermediaries, who did so well during the market boom, "have been shellshocked by their losses this year".

Robust language for the Governor but nothing compared with phrases available from below decks. As one influential merchant banker put it to *Pennington* yesterday: "There is a lot of pain and blood out there. Financial institutions are not only suffering from market-making operations in fixed interest securities but also from proprietary positions taken on their own account. Many are locked in. They cannot afford to sell at these levels."

Although the downward spiral in bonds has proved an international phenomenum, the pain is perceived to be most acute in Wall Street and London; the diagnosis taking the form of multi-billion pound paper losses encompassing a host of banks and financial institutions.

Back to the Governor who, referring to events after February's tightening of US monetary policy, recounts how "fingers were pointed at the hedge funds, operating through the dreaded derivatives markets". In the event, the Bank's analysis does not identify any "special culprits" and George stresses that the substantial volume of portfolio adjustment away from bonds reflected "a much wider range of participants than just the hedge funds". In his words: "It encompassed the proprietary and managed funds of a wide range of major banking and investment groups."

So much for those with the foresight and/or the flexibility, to adjust portfolios. What is causing concern in the City is the plight of those funds where adjustment processes were overtaken by fast lane yields.

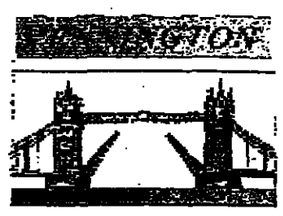
Recent revelations have proved anything but auspicious. HSBC Holdings effectively suspended proprietary trading on bond markets after losing £123 million on bond and interest rate-related operations at the mid-year stage. Earlier this month, SG Warburg rang the alarm bells loud and clear with word that 1994 mid-year profits will be less than half last year's at between £55 million and £65 million. Lord Cairns, Warburg's chief executive, declared: "Conditions in the world's securities markets have had a severe impact on our equity and fixed interest operations." A similar bulletin emanated from Hambros, with deputy chairman Sir Chips Keswick remarking that "no hedging is perfect".

Multi-million dollar third-quarter losses from Salomon Brothers have been followed by widespread redundancies at Goldman Sachs.

Such is the "uncertainty premium."

A one horse race

☐ LADBROKE has tried its hand in the lottery of the European courts and come off poorer. The mandarins in Brussels may have thrown all their weight behind single European markets in insurance and banking but a single market in betting and gaming seems like a pipe dream. Ladbroke is not asking for much in its legal challenge. It merely wants to cover French racing in its 600 Belgian betting shops. But the Pari Mutual Urbain, the French betting monopoly, will not allow it. Instead, it will only do business with Ladbroke's main Belgian rival, which is also suspiciously called the Pari Mutual Urbain, another government-controlled gambling institution.



Like many British companies, Ladbroke is keen to expand in Europe, and French racing is the key to all its plans, since millions of punters like a flutter on the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Ladbroke is not doing anything as cheeky as questioning the French government's right to own an absolute monopoly on racecourse betting. The odds against the success of such a challenge would be too long to calculate. It is merely trying to nibble around the edges of the monolithic PMI and complaining about its fondness for arranging shut-out deals with old friends, and not getting very far. As a result, Ladbroke's attempts at European expansion have been thrown into reverse. The group used to have betting shops in The Netherlands and a pilot outlet in Berlin, but it has realised they are not worth the effort without access to French racing.

This must rankle greatly with Ladbroke's new management, led by Peter George, the chief executive, which has decided to emphasise and expand the group's core gaming division. This year, the group has already moved back into the casino business in London and funded a move into poker halls in California. Gambling is still a sensitive political subject, which is why the European market remains so resolutely unreformed. The result is that most punters in Europe suffer poor odds and a shoddy service offered by inefficient, public-sector monopolies. They should be cheering on Ladbroke in its future contests in the European courts.

A fair stage on the buses

☐ THE old joke about Number 33s arriving in convoys has acquired a new ring since the Conservatives hit the road with the mass privatisation of bus services.

The sight of rival local bus services racing each other in town centres is such a free market dream that it was only a matter of time before it became the target of attack from Labour, even Tony Blair's new party. Brian Wilson, Blair's man on the buses, yesterday attacked Stagecoach, the largest of the new bus operators, with 11.5 per cent of the market and profits of £19 million on sales of £191 million in the year to the end of April. On the stockmarket profits are expected to grow after an acquisition drive which has taken the Scottish company up the country onto the fringe of London routes.

Labour is attacking Stagecoach precisely for this reason. It claims that Stagecoach's deep pockets make it too easy for it to undercut smaller local rivals and drive them out of business. Labour believes the OFT has missed the bus on this one and wants the DTI to go round the route again.

Sir Gordon Borrie, a one time OFT leader, and someone who knows a thing or two about monopolies, says that large companies have been able to see off their competitors by predatory tactics, and claims the OFT's hands are tied. Labour have really got into a stew about fair fares all round.

Stagecoach, naturally, says Labour's claims are exaggerated and politically motivated. The OFT said yesterday that it had diligently stuck to the Competition Act and other legislation in its multifarious reports on Stagecoach.

In terms of pure size, Badgerline can keep up with Stagecoach. The public quote, gained in April 1993, gives Stagecoach a head start in access to capital over small rivals. They desperately need money to expand services, and make them attractive with new fleets of buses. Stagecoach does not need to resort to the skullduggery it stands accused of by Labour.

Allied Domecq poised to sell beer and food firms

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE reshaping of Allied Domecq, the worldwide drinks and food group formerly known as Allied-Lyons, is continuing apace, after this year's acquisition of control of Pedro Domecq, the Spanish drinks producer.

The announcement of two potential deals yesterday left the shares 13p higher, at 587p. Analysts approved further evidence of the group's intention to focus more sharply on its core drinks and retailing businesses.

Allied said it was in talks with Interbrew, a Belgian brewer, on the possible sale of its brewing interests in The Netherlands. These comprise two breweries, one in Breda and one in Limburg. The operation was bought in the 1960s; a third brewery, in Rotterdam, was shut three years ago.

At the same time, Dalgety, the British food group, emerged as a potential buyer of DCA Food Industries, a substantial part of Allied's food interests. Analysts have put a price of as much as £800 million on the whole of Allied's food operations.

The Dutch brewing business, producing a million barrels a year of brands such as Oranjeboom and Royal Dutch Posthorn, is somewhat out on a limb from the rest of Allied's beer interests, which for the past two years have been in a joint venture with Carlsberg, the Danish producer.

News of the possible disposal of the Dutch operation, with an agreement expected by the end of the year and at a price comfortably above £20 million, was taken by the market as increasing the likelihood of Allied leaving the joint venture with Carlsberg sooner rather than later.

The venture's launch coincided with a slump in the British beer market and has proved a disappointment to Allied, though the company has never confirmed that it was interested in selling out.

Allied's strategy since the Domecq link has been to concentrate on spirits and on its retailing operations, which include 4,300 pubs in Britain, along with Dunkin' Donuts and the Baskin-Robbins ice cream chains.

In July, Michael Jackaman, the chairman, said food interests, which include the remaining Lyons operations, would be sold.

MARTIN BEDDALL



Brian Williamson has begun to restore the payments balance

Gerrard & National lifts interim payout

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

GERRARD & National, the financial group, has increased its interim dividend for the first time since 1990, pushing the payment 2p higher to 8p, in order to reduce the disparity between the half-way and final payments.

The discount house and stockbroker unveiled a 38 per cent rise in profits to £14.4 million for the first half to September. The dividend will be paid on December 15. Earnings per share were 15 per cent higher, at 16.8p.

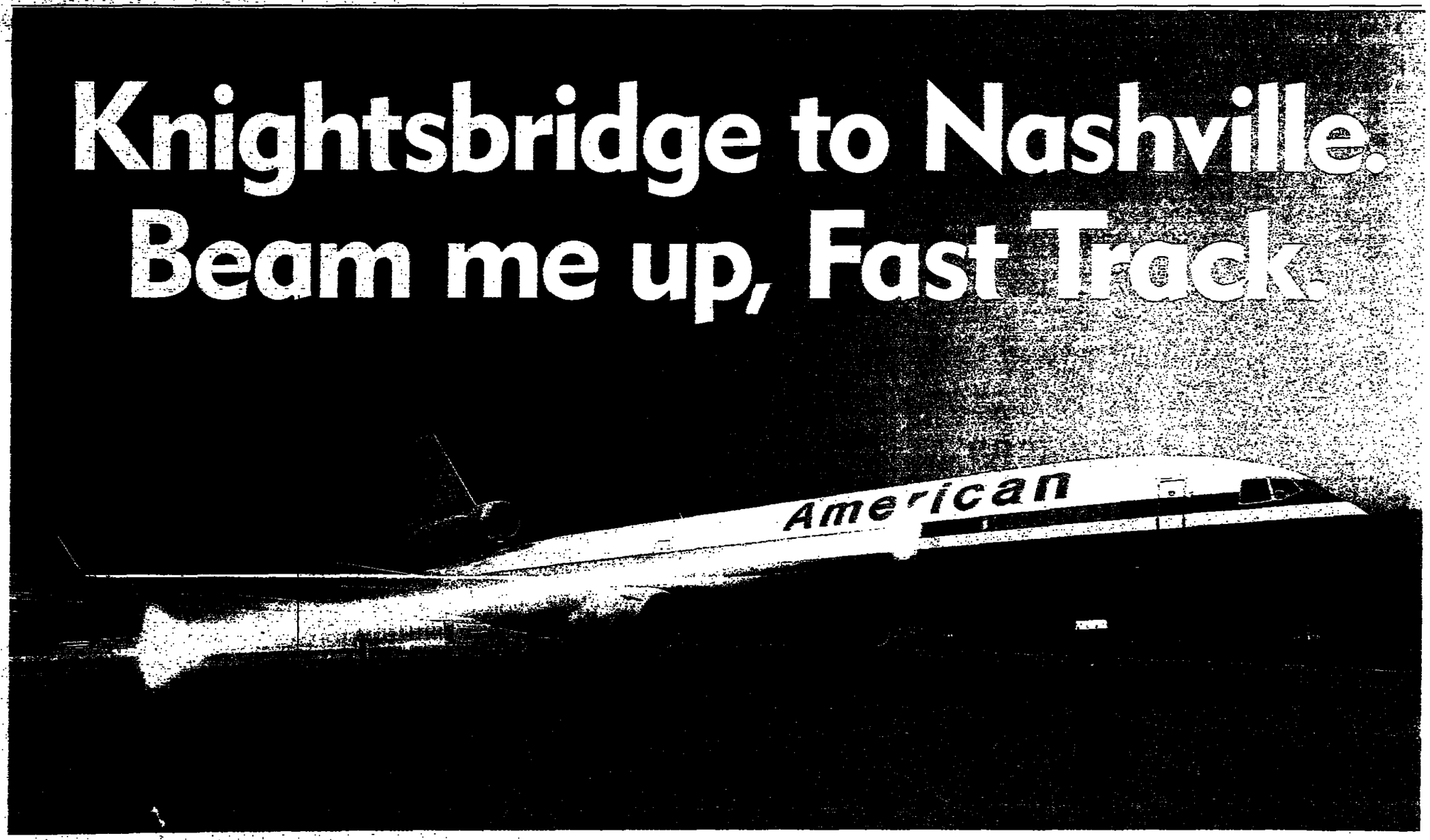
By far the biggest contributor to profits was GNI Holdings, the derivatives broker and fund manager, whose profits soared 137.5 per cent to £10.6 million. Profits from Gerrard Vivian Gray, the stockbroking arm, were 17 per cent higher at £1.6 million. LM, the moneybroking arm, enjoyed a 25.6 per cent profits increase, to £2.1 million.

The GNI and Gerrard Vivian Gray profits shown are for the six-month period to July 31, however, all Gerrard & National companies will have a year-end of March 31 this year.

Brian Williamson, the chairman, said the firm had increased its dividend every year for the past 25 years, but this had been achieved in recent years by increasing the final dividend.

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Unigate shares surge on hopes of Dutch deal

UNIGATE, the dairy products to road transport group, put in a spurt to finish 9p better at 337p, indicating that it is close to finding a buyer for its 32 per cent stake in Verenigde Bedrivjen Nutricia, the Dutch food group.

City speculation is rife of a deal is imminent. Unigate appears to have made no secret of its desire to dispose of the stake and use the proceeds to fund a big acquisition. There is even talk that the group has appointed Goldman Sachs for the task of finding a buyer, with Nestlé and Heinz both topping the list.

Brokers say the stake would fetch more than £250 million, providing a useful springboard for the acquisition of another food group such as **Hazlewood**, 3p better at 124p, and currently valued at £287 million.

The rest of the equity market bounced back above the 3,000 level, encouraged by good gains for gilts and another steady performance by the dollar ahead of tomorrow's crucial GDP figures in America. The FT-SE 100 Index was squeezed higher in thin trading to close at its best of the day, with a rise of 29.7 to 3,029.6 on the back of an opening rise on Wall Street.

But trading conditions remained thin, with just 506 million shares changing hands. This is likely to exacerbate recent speculation about further job losses in the City.

Edmond Warner, equity strategist at Kleinwort Benson, the broker, said there are 25,000 a bargains day of late. That is almost 10,000 below the daily average of the past two years and the lowest level since Black Wednesday in 1992, when sterling withdrew from the exchange-rate mechanism.

British Aerospace rose 6p to 473p as Warburg Securities placed a line of 4.9 million shares in the market-place at 349p. Meanwhile, the speculators were nibbling away bid target **VSEL**, up 15p at £13.23, still hoping that GEC will make a counter-offer. BAe has already ruled out a joint bid with GEC, down 4p at 270p. Dealers say GEC will have to make up its mind before too long.

Reuters was a nervous market falling 3p to 447p before today's update on current trading.

In stores, **Next** climbed 6p to 242p on turnover of almost 4 million shares helped by a buy recommendation from Morgan Stanley.

Allied Domecq improved 3p to 587p, excited by the news that the group is in talks with Interbrew, Belgium's biggest brewer, about the sale of Allied Breweries Nederland. The deal is expected to be concluded before the year-end.



Milk monitor: the price of Unigate rose 9p to 337p

GREAT Universal Stores fell 7p to 549p before today's annual meeting, with Kleinwort Benson, the broker, emerging as a seller as 1.5 million shares changed hands. Kleinwort last night poured scorn on this week's speculation that GUS would announce plans to reduce its cash mountain by buying back its own shares.

Meanwhile, **Dalgety**, up 2p at 432p, has confirmed it is one of a number of parties talking to Allied about the purchase of its American food ingredients business.

ICI dropped 15p to 783p on profit-taking after living up to City expectations by producing a sparkling set of third quarter figures showing pretax profits 82 per cent higher at £131 million. This takes the total for the nine months up to £365 million compared with £239 million for the corresponding period.

The Irish Permanent enjoyed a memorable debut on both the London and Dublin stock markets after its conversion from a mutual society. Offered at 180p by Hoare Govett in London and Rieda in Dublin, the price touched 216p, before closing at 213p, a premium of 33p as a total of 6.2 million shares were traded.

Cannon Street Investments tumbled 4p to 11½p as the group attempted to resolve the problems preventing it from making a strategic acquisition. The issues concerning its convertible preference shares prevent it from asking shareholders to provide further funding.

Another company looking to hit the acquisition trail is **Menvier Swain**, unchanged at 262p. The electronics group has confirmed recent speculation by saying it is ready to make an offer for Scantronic, the data communications company. Last month, Menvier Swain denied any interest just days before Scantronic announced it was in bid talks. Menvier has since increased its holding in Scantronic to almost 5 per cent and is now seeking information about its financial position in the wake of a profits warning.

Medeva celebrated a Court of Appeal victory over the development of a hepatitis B vaccine, with a rise of 9p to 174p. The court ruled that the patent on the drug held by Biogen was invalid in Britain, which would allow Medeva to eventually market the treatment in this country. The appeal follows a decision back in July by the European Patent Office of a decision made in 1992 revoking Biogen's patent due to expire at the end of 1999.

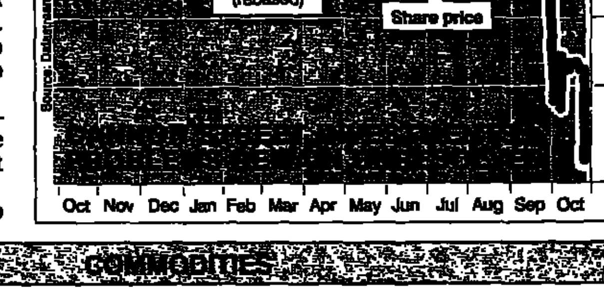
This week's rally in the shares of **APV** was cut short as the price slipped 1½p to 61½p. The group says it is planning a restructuring after the recent departure of Clive Strowger as chief executive.

☐ **GILT—EDGED:** A volatile session ended with prices wiping out early losses of around £¾ to end more than £1 up on the day at the longer end. The trigger for the rally was provided by Chancellor Kenneth Clarke who re-iterated his stance on low inflation. He expressed the hope that interest rates could be kept down if pre-emptive inflationary moves were made.

This prompted a flurry of activity in the futures pit driving prices in the cash market sharply higher. The December series of the Long Gilt soared £1 11/16 to £100⅜ as 75,000 contracts were completed.

In the cash, the longer end of the market enjoyed the best gains with Treasury 9 per cent 2012 climbing £1¼ to £103⅛, while in shorts Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was £13/32 better at £102 31/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Wall Street shares were higher at midday, with technology shares leading the advance. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 14.81 points at 3,863.04.



New York (midday):

Dow Jones	3863.04 (+14.81)
S&P Composite	464.65 (+2.04)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	19796.36 (+50.01)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	9304.58 (+52.14)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	403.87 (+4.72)

Sydney:

AO	2032.2 (+14.6)

Frankfurt:

DAX	2013.20 (-7.30)

Singapore:

Straits	2356.69 (-0.60)

Brussels:

General	7082.55 (+9.47)

Paris:

CAC-40	1858.11 (+26.57)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	624.70 (-7.10)

London:

FT 30	2310.8 (+12.3)
FT 100	3029.6 (+29.7)
FT-SE Mid 250	3480.1 (+12.9)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1303.28 (+2.57)
FT A All-Share	1508.35 (+11.75)
FT Non Financials	1629.39 (+12.31)
FT Gold Mines	281.4 (-0.6)
FT Fixed Interest	106.84 (-0.24)
FT Govt Secs	90.58 (+0.50)
Bargains	21110
SEAQ Volume	506.7m
USM (Datastrm)	156.69 (-0.15)
US$	1.6375 (+0.0051)
German Mark	2.4515 (+0.0106)
Exchange Index	80.8 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2770
£:SDR	1.0963
RPI	145.0 Sep (2.2%) Jan 1987=100

APTA Health Wts	5½	+½
Artesian Estates	66	...
BZW Commodities (100)	89	...
BZW Commodities Wts	45	...
Cont'l Foods Wts	1¼	...
Ennemix (63)	67	...
Filtronic Comtek	120	...
Games Workshop (115)	126	...
Group Dv Cap Wts	27	...
Hambros Sml Asian	58	...
Hambros Smlr As Wts	27	...
Irish Permanent (180)	215	...
Mackie Intl (180)	186	+1
Man ED & F (180)	161	...
Prolific Inc	479	-1
Servisair (135)	146	...
Templeton Emerg New	359	...
Templeton Emerg Wts	178	+1
Whitchurch	61	...
Wrexham Water	338	...
Wrexham Water NV	320	...

APTA Healthcare n/p (17)	½	+¼
Cattles n/p (118)	9	...
Dragon Oil n/p (Ir4p)	¼	...
Sidlaw n/p (180)	7	...
Smurfit (J) n/p (Ir330p)	25	-3
Union Square n/p (5)	¼	...

RISES:

Inchcape	434p (+15p)
AB Food	536p (+12p)
Seton Health	359p (+13p)
Antofagasta	350p (+12p)
Broken Hill	931p (+27p)

FALLS:

Liberty	330p (-10p)
Pressac	100p (-10p)
Shiloh	145p (-13p)

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Chemical enhancement

EXPECTATIONS for ICI's third-quarter numbers had run away with themselves in some quarters, so the share price was riding for a fall, even though the figures contained little for the market to complain about. The one disappointment was over prices of industrial chemicals, as some of the highest forecasts were based on unrealistic optimism that the upward trend would by now have fed through into profits.

As ICI makes clear, with many of its customers on three-month contracts, any reported rises in spot markets could not be expected to roll through until the current quarter at the latest. Even so, price rises of 6 per cent achieved for industrial chemicals in the third quarter contrasted with the 1 per cent seen across the group as a whole.

Price competition on consumer products is still strong, witness ICI Paints; there is little prospect of price and volume improvements in the UK while the housing market remains flat and the sales rise is coming from the Asia Pacific region and Europe.

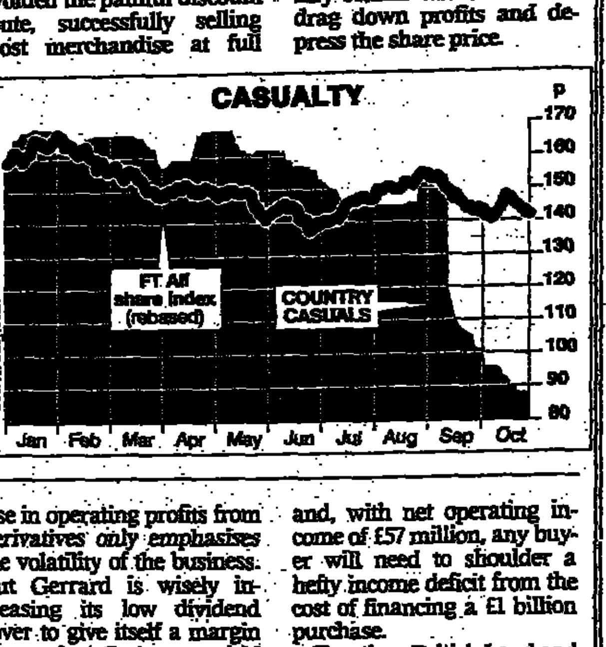
ICI Explosives is suffering margin pressure in the US, because rises in raw materials prices cannot be passed on. Against this, a tripling in profits from the materials division in the nine months reflects healthy volume rises for polyurethane and films.

Pre-tax estimates for the current year run up to £500 million, with a rise to perhaps £670 million in 1995 as ICI benefits further from cyclical upturn. This puts the shares on 21 times and 16 times earnings respectively, fair premiums to the market for this stage in the cycle, while yesterday's share price fall pushes the yield ahead to about 4.4 per cent.

Country Casuals

COUNTRY Casuals has had a turbulent year. To lose a chairman is unfortunate, but to lose money on this scale looks like carelessness. It has a rock solid brand in Country Casuals, but, like so many companies, it is finding it difficult to translate that success to other brands. Investors, who have seen the share price more than halve from its peak this year, of 170p, must be unhappy to hear that the group remains committed to building a diverse portfolio of brands.

The company's track record on this score has not been reassuring. It has experienced delays and unexpected costs in rolling out stores for Elvi, its brand for larger women, and Koto, aimed at younger shoppers. Initially, both chains performed poorly and have been forced to mark down substantial amounts of stock, inevitably hitting margins. This is an unfortunate blot on the group's copy book. Unlike many of its competitors, the Country Casuals brand has avoided the painful discount route, successfully selling most merchandise at full price. Creating a strong brand like that is a long and arduous process as the group is learning. It claims it is willing to take "difficult decisions" and "decisive action" to turn Elvi and Koto round. It must deliver on that promise. Otherwise, these subsidiary brands will continue to drag down profits and depress the share price.



Gerrard & National

WHEN all is doom and despondency in the bond markets, how refreshingly nice to see that some firms can escape meltdown. Gerrard & National's diversification into derivatives broking and fund management has been emphatically successful. Indeed, it is hard to call the firm a discount house now, since only £1.7 million of the group's £14.3 million profit came from the traditional business.

Admittedly, the figures from GNI, the derivative broker, and Gerrard Vivian Gray, the stockbroker, run up to the end of July, and may not have looked so rosy if they had covered the whole summer like the rest of the group, but Gerrard has shown skill in limiting the damage from the market fall in its dealing business, where profits fell 43 per cent to £4.5 million.

There will be some who suspect that the 63 per cent rise in operating profits from derivatives only emphasises the volatility of the business. But Gerrard is wisely increasing its low dividend cover to give itself a margin for comfort. For now, a yield of almost 7 per cent makes the shares look attractive.

Stanhope

IF there is a prince charming waiting in the wings to rescue Stanhope Properties, he needs to show his face quickly. The valuation of Broadgate has been confirmed at £1 billion and Stanhope's share of the net worth, including loans to Broadgate, amounts to £116 million, but Stanhope's bankers are owed more than £140 million, with a deadline of December 19 for repayment or refinance.

The only offer that has been disclosed is from British Land, a potential buyer with deep pockets but one that has been talking down the price. Broadgate's let properties are valued on a 7 per cent yield and, with net operating income of £57 million, any buyer will need to shoulder a hefty income deficit from the cost of financing a £1 billion purchase.

Together, British Land and George Soros have the clout to do a deal, but will demand that the bankers share the pain. The question that faces the latter is whether they are prepared to sweat it out: placing Stanhope in receivership would strip out some hefty admin costs and leave the Stanhope and Rosehaugh bankers in direct control of Broadgate. In 12 months' time, and fully let with rents rising in the City, it should theoretically be worth more.

British Land, however, will be loath to see its 29 per cent stake in Stanhope disappear in a receivership and with it a seat at the Broadgate negotiating table. Next month should witness an interesting stand-off.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	959-958	Mar	1058-1056
Mar	988-986	May	1070-1069
May	997-996	Jul	1090-1080
Jul	1011-1010	Sep	1100-1090
Sep	1025-1022		
Dec	1039-1038		Volume: 6054

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	3490-3485	Jul	3440-3430
Jan	3510-3500	Sep	3420-3410
Mar	3465-3460	Nov	3410-3400
May	3475-3465		Volume: 3717

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	342.8-41.6
Spot: 357.00		Oct	320.8-18.6
Dec	353.0-52.5	Dec	320.8-18.6
Mar	347.5-47.0	Mar	320.6-16.6
May	356.0-45.1		Volume: 1734

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Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 26

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	73.51	93.16	114.41
(+/-)	-1.13	+2.15	-2.00
Eng/Wales:	73.51	93.10	113.15
(+/-)	-1.13	+2.14	-2.37
(%)	+7.0	-23.0	-3.0
Scotland:	unq	93.36	120.44
(+/-)	...	+2.17	-1.01
(%)	...	-20.0	+14.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)
CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.15	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Dec)	16.95	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Jan)	16.75	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	18.15	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	18.10	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 186 (n/c)	O: 188 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	154 (n/c)	155 (n/c)
Non EEC IH Nov	156 (n/c)	158 (n/c)
Non EEC IH Dec	157 (n/c)	159 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	94 (n/c)	96 (n/c)
Naphtha	171 (n/c)	173 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)
GAS OIL

Nov	153.50-53.75	Feb	157.25-57.50
Dec	155.00-55.25	Mar	157.00-57.25
Jan	156.25-56.75		Vol: 18011

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	16.97-16.98	Mar	16.52-16.58
Jan	16.79 SLR	Apr	16.46 BID
Feb	16.62-16.68		Vol: 46738

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	105.10	Nov	101.40
Jan	107.15	Jan	103.80
Mar	109.20	Mar	106.15
May	111.15	May	108.15
Jul	112.95	Sep	93.00
Volume: 108		Volume: 0	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	150.0
Apr	225.0	224.3
May	unq	240.0
		Volume: 28

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)
Nov 82.25-82.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 94	1870	1870	1873
Nov 94	1830	1790	1800
Dec 94	1735	1700	1713
Jan 95	1682	1650	1648
Vol: 472 lots		Open Interest: 3178	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2662.0-2664.0	2644.0-2645.0	Vol: 2968825
Lead ($/tonne)	657.50-658.50	672.00-672.50	259000
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1106.5-1107.0	1128.5-1129.0	974775
Tin ($/tonne)	5690.0-5700.0	5770.0-5780.0	46910
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1825.5-1826.0	1846.5-1847.0	1909800
Nickel ($/tonne)	7260.0-7265.0	7380.0-7385.0	96750

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom	550	49	58½	64½	9	16	25½
(*587)	600	19	30½	36½	33	39	51
Argyll	240	26½	32½	36	7	10	16
(*259)	260	13½	21½	25	16	21	26
ASDA	60	5	7½	9	4	4½	6½
(*61½)	70	1½	3½	5½	10½	11½	12½
Boots	500	34½	47½	54½	12	19	27½
(*521½)	550	11	23½	30½	42	46	54
Br Airways	330	33½	43	49½	9½	14½	21½
(*353)	360	16	27	33	24	29	36
BP	390	39½	43	49	8	14	18
(*415)	420	17	26	32½	21	27½	32
Br Steel	140	22	26	28	3	5½	7½
(*156½)	160	9½	15	17	11½	13½	16
C & W	390	30	42	52½	18	24½	32½
(*390)	420	16	28	38	35½	41	49
CU	493	54	59½	—	6½	16½	—
(*532½)	543	22	31	—	27	42	—
ICI	750	62½	74½	83½	14½	32	39
(*786)	800	32½	46½	56½	36½	57½	64½
Kingfshr	460	39	52	56	14	23	30
(*477)	500	15½	32½	36½	33½	43½	51
Land Sec	550	55	64	70½	5½	8½	16
(*598½)	600	20½	33	39	24½	27	39
M & S	390	36	45½	53	5½	11½	13
(*417½)	420	17½	27½	35	17	23	25
Nat West	460	46	52½	59½	11	23½	28½
(*486½)	500	23	30½	39	29	43	49½
Sainsbury	390	22	34	41	17½	24½	31
(*393)	420	9	20½	28½	36½	41½	48½
Shell	700	34½	46	52½	16½	30½	35½
(*710)	750	11½	22	28½	47	60½	65
Smkl Bch	390	27	36	42½	15	23	28
(*401)	420	13½	22½	29	33	39½	44
Storehse	200	25	28½	32½	3½	5½	7½
(*219)	220	12	16½	20½	11	13½	16
Trafalgar	80	8	10½	13	5	6½	8½
(*82½)	90	4	6	8	11½	13	14½
Unilever	1100	52½	71½	85	26½	43½	54
(*1119)	1150	27½	47½	60	54½	70½	81½
Zeneca	800	68½	80½	88½	13½	28½	33½
(*844)	850	37	51½	60½	33½	52½	57½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	390	19½	29	35½	7	20½	23½
(*399½)	420	6½	14	22	25	38	40½
Ladbroke	140	12½	19	22½	2½	6½	10½
(*149)	160	3	9½	13½	13	17	22
Utd Bisc	300	11	22½	28½	8½	14	23½
(*300)	330	2½	10½	14	32½	34	44

October 27, 1994 Tot: 21052 Call: 10198 Put: 10854 FT-SE Call: 4272 Put: 2038
*Underlying security price.

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
BAA	500	21½	33	41	18	23	27½
(*502)	525	11	21½	—	33½	37½	—
Thames W	500	—	45½	53	17	23	33
(*518½)	550	11	23	28	47½	51½	61½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	420	22	35½	43	6½	16	27½
(*432)	460	6	16	23	33	38½	51½
BTR	300	13	23½	28	6½	12½	19½
(*305)	330	2½	9½	14½	27½	31	38
Br Aero	460	30	50	59	15½	28	38½
(*472½)	500	13½	32	40	41	51	61
Br Telcm	360	28	32	38	2	9	13
(*383)	390	7½	14½	22½	13	24	27½
Cadbury	420	19½	31½	37	6	12½	22½
(*430½)	460	3	13½	18	33	36	46
Guinness	420	41½	51	56½	1½	5½	12
(*456)	460	9½	24	30	12	19½	29
GEC	260	15	19½	26	3	8½	11½
(*270)	280	4½	10	15½	13½	19	22
Hanson	220	10½	15	18	4½	10½	14½
(*224½)	240	2	6	9	17½	22½	26
LASMO	134	18	—	—	2	—	—
(*149)	154	4½	—	—	9½	—	—
Lucas	180	16	22½	26	2½	7	10
(*191½)	200	5	11½	16	12	16½	20½
Pilkingtn	180	17	20½	24½	2	6	9
(*193)	200	4½	9	13½	11	16½	19½
Prudential	300	17	28	31½	4	9½	17½
(*312)	330	3½	13	16	21½	26	34½
Redland	460	16	33	41	12	22	36½
(*461)	500	3½	16	24	42½	47	63
Royal Ins	280	13	23	29½	9	16½	23½
(*281½)	300	5	14	21	23	28½	35
Tesco	220	16½	23½	28½	3	6½	12½
(*232)	240	4½	12½	18	12½	17	22½
Vodafone	200	8½	15½	21	6½	13½	16½
(*202)	217	3	8½	—	18½	23½	—
Williams	325	22½	—	—	3	—	—
(*341½)	354	5	—	—	15	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3028)

	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150
Calls						
Nov	158	118	82	53	32	16
Dec	181	145	114	84	64	45
Jan	210	174	144	114	89	67
Feb	223	188	159	130	107	85
Jun	276	—	216	—	164	—
Puts						
Nov	18	28	43	64	95	133
Dec	40	55	72	93	122	154
Jan	55	70	90	111	138	167
Feb	69	84	104	125	152	182
Jun	100	—	139	—	187	—

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	390	33½	44½	48	6	15½	21
(*414½)	420	16	26½	31½	17½	30½	36
Amstrad	25	4½	6	6½	1½	2½	3
(*28½)	30	2	3	4	3½	5	6
Barclays	550	41½	56	63½	11	23½	30½
(*575½)	600	14½	29½	39	35	50	57½
Blue Circ	260	27	33½	38½	5	8½	15½
(*278½)	280	14½	22	27	13	17	25
Br Gas	280	15½	24	28	7½	13	19
(*284½)	300	6	14½	18½	18½	23	30½
Dixons	180	22½	27	32	4½	9½	13
(*195)	200	10½	15½	21½	13	19	23
Forte	220	15	22	26	7½	9½	16
(*226)	240	5½	12½	16	19½	21	27½
Hillsdwn	160	12½	17½	20½	5	8	12½
(*168½)	180	4	8½	11	17	19½	25½
Lonrho	130	11½	15	18½	5½	11	12
(*133½)	140	6½	10½	13½	11½	16½	17½
Sears	100	13	15	16½	2	4	5½
(*109)	110	6	9	11½	5	8	11
Thrn EMI	950	54	67½	93	15½	31½	40
(*978½)	1000	25	41	63	38	56	63½
Tomkins	200	15½	20½	27½	6½	10½	13½
(*207)	220	6	11½	18	17	22½	25
TSB	200	23½	27½	30½	3	8	11
(*217)	220	11	15½	19	11	18	21
Wellcome	600	46½	65½	77½	18	31	43½
(*622)	650	21½	41	53	45½	57	69½
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Glaxo	550	61	72	81½	14	26½	32
(*580)	600	31	44½	55½	35	50	56½
HSBC	700	51	68	77½	30½	54	63½
(*710½)	750	28½	45½	56	59½	83½	92½
Reuter	420	43	50½	58	12	17	21½
(*446½)	460	17½	28	36½	29	36	41
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
R-Royce	160	15	20½	23½	2½	6	10
(*171)	180	3½	10½	13½	12½	16	21
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Fisons	110	12	16	20½	5½	8	10½
(*116)	120	7	11½	15½	11½	14	15½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastern Gp	750	26	52½	72	25	46	51½
(*758)	800	9	31½	49½	55½	74½	77½
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	460	31	43	54½	12	19½	29
(*479½)	500	12	24	35	33½	40½	50
Scot Pwr	330	29½	38½	46½	9	17½	22
(*348½)	360	13½	22	32	24½	33½	38

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 94	3006.0	3047.0	3006.0	3042.0	12781
Previous open interest: 58275	Mar 95				3062.0	0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 94	93.45	93.55	93.42	93.54	23907
Previous open interest: 483337	Mar 95	92.56	92.67	92.51	92.66	29384
	Jun 95	91.93	92.03	91.88	92.02	11017
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 94	93.97	93.97	93.97	93.98	9
Previous open interest: 4271	Mar 95	93.54	93.54	93.54	93.56	1
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 94	94.83	94.86	94.80	94.84	31816
Previous open interest: 661102	Mar 95	94.47	94.56	94.45	94.55	45169
Long Gilt	Dec 94	99-15	100-12	99-00	100-12	74920
Previous open interest: 100800	Mar 95	98-26	98-26	98-26	99-15	1
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 94	107.44	107.51	107.39	107.46	1308
	Mar 95	106.70	106.73	106.69	106.73	80
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 94	88.73	89.24	88.65	89.23	140416
Previous open interest: 187301	Mar 95	88.09	88.43	88.01	88.45	303
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 94					
Previous open interest: 0						
Three month ECU	Dec 94	93.84	93.86	93.80	93.87	911
Previous open interest: 21700	Mar 95	93.33	93.41	93.32	93.38	642
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 94	95.84	95.88	95.84	95.86	3403
Previous open interest: 43922	Mar 95	95.48	95.52	95.47	95.52	3500
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 94	99.80	100.65	99.76	100.52	52668
Previous open interest: 65160	Mar 95	99.36	99.50	99.33	99.73	202

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 3¾ Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¾; 3 mth 5¾. Sell: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5⅝.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	6¼-6¼	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	6-5⅞	6⅝-6⅝	7⅛-7⅛
Interbank:	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	6-5⅞	6⅝-6⅝	7⅛-7⅛
Overnight: open 5¾, close 3¾.					
Local Authority Deps:	5⅞	n/a	5⅞	6⅝	7⅛
Sterling CDs:	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	6⅝-6⅝	7⅛-7⅛
Dollar CDs:	4.94-4.91	n/a	5.54-5.51	5.81-5.78	6.42-6.39
Building Society CDs:	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	6-5⅞	6⅝-6⅝	7⅛-7⅛

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Aug 31, 1994 Agreed rates Sep 26, 1994 to Oct 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.82 %. Reference rate July 30, 1994 to Aug 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.578 %.

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4¼-4¼	5-4¾	5⅛-5⅛	6-5¾	4¼-3¾
Deutschemark:	4¾-4¾	4⅞-4¾	5-5	5⅛-5⅛	5-4
French Franc:	5¼-5¼	5¼-5¼	5¼-5¼	5⅞-5¼	5¼-4¼
Swiss Franc:	3¼-3¼	3¼-3¼	4-3¾	4¼-4¼	4¼-3¼
Yen:	2¼-2	2¼-2¼	2¼-2¼	2¼-2¼	2¼-1¼

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS

Bullion: Open $389.25-389.65 Close: $388.60-389.10 High: $390.10-390.60 Low: $388.20-388.70 AM: $389.90 PM: $389.15

Krugerrand: $391.00-393.00 (£239.00-241.00)

Platinum: $423.25 (£258.65) Silver: $5.39 (£3.285) Palladium: $159.25 (£97.30)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 27	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7411-2.7509	2.7475-2.7509	¼pr-par	¼-¼pr
Brussels	50.30-50.52	50.41-50.52	4-1pr	12-6pr
Copenhagen	9.5460-9.5920	9.5770-9.5920	par-¼ds	¼-1¼ds
Dublin	1.0130-1.0160	1.0131-1.0158	2pr-1ds	7-3pr
Frankfurt	2.4460-2.4532	2.4500-2.4532	¼prm-par	¼-¼pr
Lisbon	249.42-250.84	250.19-250.84	70-90ds	230-260ds
Madrid	203.39-204.23	203.93-204.23	34-39ds	98-110ds
Milan	2495.00-2507.30	2503.20-2507.30	5-6ds	16-18ds
Montreal	2.2042-2.2117	2.2086-2.2117	0.11-0.06pr	0.19-0.10pr
New York	1.6358-1.6392	1.6374-1.6384	0.07-0.06pr	0.13-0.11pr
Oslo	10.6360-10.6710	10.6550-10.6710	¼-¼ds	¼-2ds
Paris	8.3670-8.4040	8.3890-8.4040	¼pr-¼ds	¼-¼pr
Stockholm	11.5740-11.6400	11.5860-11.6110	1¼-2¼ds	5¼-6¼ds
Tokyo	158.36-158.96	158.69-158.96	¼-¼pr	1¼-1¼pr
Vienna	17.22-17.29	17.25-17.29	1¼-¼pr	4¼-2¼pr
Zurich	2.0395-2.0530	2.0500-2.0530	¼-¼pr	1¼-¼pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

Australia	1.3448-1.3455
Austria	10.52-10.53
Belgium (Com)	30.77-30.78
Canada	1.3488-1.3498
Denmark	5.8430-5.8468
France	5.1180-5.1210
Germany	1.4956-1.4960
Hong Kong	7.7271-7.7281
Ireland	1.6131-1.6146
Italy	1527.75-1528.25
Japan	96.85-96.90
Malaysia	2.5510-2.5520
Netherlands	1.6764-1.6769
Norway	6.5015-6.5045
Portugal	152.61-152.71
Singapore	1.4695-1.4705
Spain	124.40-124.45
Sweden	7.0923-7.0998
Switzerland	1.2493-1.2498

Argentina peso*	1.6348-1.6375
Australia dollar	2.2012-2.2030
Bahrain dinar	0.6105-0.6225
Brazil real*	1.3942-1.3985
Cyprus pound	0.7426-0.7526
Finland markka	7.3745-7.4905
Greece drachma	373.25-380.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.6477-12.6532
India rupee	50.82-51.78
Kuwait dinar KD	0.48-0.49
Malaysia ringgit	4.1755-4.1779
Mexico peso	5.525-5.625
New Zealand dollar	2.6619-2.6667
Pakistan rupee	49.63 buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.077-6.203
Singapore dollar	2.4053-2.4074
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4809-6.4841
S Africa rand (com)	5.7227-5.7312
U A E dirham	5.9495-6.0695

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.

3i	353	Legal & Gn	1,400
ASDA Gp	2,600	Lloyds Bk	1,700
Abbey Natl	1,500	MEPC	1,000
Allied Dom	1,500	Marks Spr	4,600
Argyll Gp	2,300	NatWst Bk	4,400
Arjo Wiggn	2,300	Nat Power	1,800
AB Foods	119	Nth Wst W	800
BAA	1,100	P & O	1,800
BAT Inds	4,600	Pearson	362
BOC	199	PowerGen	1,200
BP	7,200	Prudential	2,600
BTR	4,400	RMC	446
BT	5,100	RTZ	1,900
Bk of Scot	1,100	Rank Org	1,600
Barclays	2,100	Reckitt Col	203
Bass	1,600	Redland	598
Blue Circle	1,900	Reed Intl	1,300
Boots	762	Rentokil	899
Bowater	659	Reuters	5,500
Brit Aero	2,000	Rolls Royce	1,700
Brit Airwys	13,000	Ryl Ins	1,600
Brit Gas	5,400	Ryl Bk Scot	1,500
Brit Steel	10,000	Sainsbury	1,700
Burmah Cstl	178	Schroders	40
Cable Wire	2,400	Scot & New	869
Cadbury	1,500	Scot Power	803
Caradon	1,300	Sears	2,600
Carlton Cms	415	Svrn Trent	764
Cm Union	1,400	Shell Trans	3,900
Courtaulds	1,300	Siebe	335
De La Rue	875	SmKl Bch	4,300
Eastern Elec	896	Smith Nph	665
Enterpr Oil	1,000	Sthern Elec	770
Forte	678	Std Chartd	4,500
GKN	2,100	Sun Allnce	678
GRE	451	TI Gp	470
GUS	1,500	TSB	5,300
Gen Acc	81	Tesco	3,900
Gen Elec	8,800	Thames W	1,400
Glaxo	6,100	Thrn EMI	529
Granada	386	Tomkins	2,200
Grand Met	1,300	Unilever	859
Guinness	1,400	Utd Bisc	265
HSBC	1,900	Vodafone	4,200
Hanson	3,600	Warburg (SG)	207
ICI	4,600	Wellcome	1,000
Inchcape	1,200	Whitbread	392
Kingfisher	416	Wllms Hld	371
Ladbroke	1,000	Wolseley	290
Land Secs	875	Zeneca	4,000

	Oct 27 midday	Oct 26 close
AMP Inc	76¾	76½
AMR Corp	52½	50½
AT & T	53½	53¾
Abbott Labs	30½	30¾
Aetna Life	48½	49½
Ahmanson (HF)	19½	18½
Air Prod & Chem	45½	44½
Albertson's	29½	29½
Alcan Aluminium	26½	27½
Alco Standard	57½	57½
Allied Signal	34	34½
Alum Co of Am	86½	85
Amax Gold Inc	6½	7½
Amerada Hess	48½	48½
Amer Brands	35½	35½
Amer Cyanamid	99	99
Amer El Power	31½	31½
Amer Express	30½	29½
Amer Genl Corp	27½	26½
Amer Home Pr	62½	61½
Amer Intl	90	89½
Amer Stores	26½	26½
Ameritech	39½	39½
Amoco	61½	60½
Anheuser-Busch	50½	50½
Apple Computer	43	43½
Archer Daniels	28½	28
Armco	6½	6½
Armstrong Wrld	41½	41½
Asarco	31½	31½
Ashland Oil	38½	38½
Atl Richfield	107½	105½
Auto Data Pro	56	56
Avery Dennison	35½	35½
Avon Products	61½	60½
Baker Hughes	19½	19½
Baltim Gas & El	22½	22½
Banc One	27½	27½
BankAmerica	43½	42½
Bank of NY	31½	30½
Bankers Tr NY	66½	66½
Barnett Banks	40½	40½
Bausch & Lomb	31½	31½
Baxter Intl	25½	24½
Becton Dickinson	47½	47½
Bell Atlantic	50½	50½
BellSouth	51½	50½
Black & Decker	24½	24
Block (H&R)	43½	44½
Boeing	43½	43½
Boise Cascade	26½	26½
Borden Inc	13½	13½
Bristol Myrs Sq	57½	57½
Browning Ferris	30½	31
Brunswick	20½	20½
Burlington Nthn	49½	50½
CBS	57½	56½
CNA Financial	61½	61½
CPC Intl	52½	52½
CSX	70½	69½
Campbell Soup	40½	41
Can Pacific	15½	15½
Cpd Cities ABC	81½	80½
Carolina Pwr	25½	25½
Caterpillar	57½	57½
Central & SW	21½	21½
Champion Intl	36½	36½
Chase Manhat	35½	34½
Chemical Bk	36½	36½
Chevron Corp	44½	43½
Chrysler	48	47½
Chubb Corp	66½	66½
Cigna Corp	63½	65½
Citicorp	46½	45
Clorox	53½	52½
Coastal Corp	27½	27½
Coca Cola	50½	50
Colgate-Palmolive	59½	59½
Columbia Gas	27½	27
Compaq Comp	39½	38½
Comp Ass Intl	49½	49½
Conagra	30½	30½
Cons Edison	24½	24½
Cons Nat Gas	36½	36½
Cons Rail	53½	53
Cooper Inds	37½	36½
Corning Inc	30½	32½
Crown Cork	37½	37½
Dana Corp	25½	24½
Dayton Hudson	76½	76½
Deere	71½	71½
Delta Air Lines	48½	48½
Deluxe Corp	28½	28½
Detroit Edison	29½	29½
Digital Equip	30½	30½
Dillard Dept St	26½	25½
Disney (Walt)	39½	39½
Dominion Res	36½	36½
Donnelley (RR)	31½	32
Dover Corp	55½	55½
Dow Chemical	73½	73½
Dow Jones	28½	28½
Dresser	20½	20½
Duke Power	38½	38½
Dun & Bradstreet	57½	57½
Du Pont	59½	59½
Eastman Kodak	47½	47½
Eaton Corp	51½	50½
Emerson Elec	59½	60
Engelhard Corp	23	23

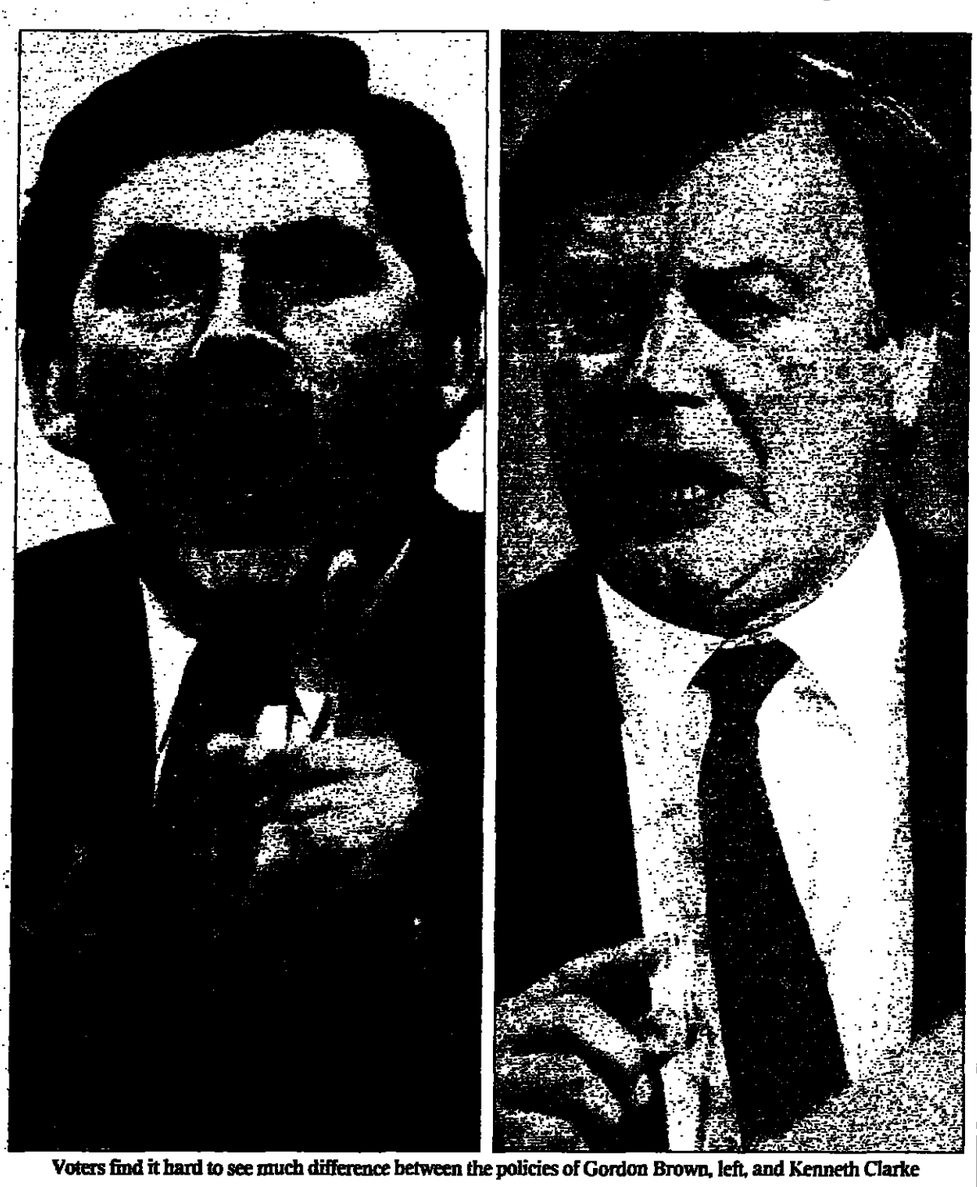
	Oct 27 midday	Oct 26 close
Enron Corp	31¼	31¼
Entergy	24	24½
Ethyl Corp	11¼	11¼
Exxon	61¼	61¼
FMC Corp	60½	59½
FPL Group	32½	32½
Federal Express	59½	59½
Fed Nat Mtge	75	74½
First Chicago	48	48
First Interstate	78½	77½
First Union Rty	7½	7½
Fleet Finl Grp	34½	34½
Fluor Corp	48½	47½
Ford Motor	29½	28½
GTE Corp	30½	30½
Gannett	47½	48
Gap Inc Del	32½	32½
Gen Dynamics	42½	41¼
Gen Electric	47½	47½
Gen Mills	55½	56½
Gen Motors	40½	40½
Gen Reinsurance	109½	108½
Gen Signal	35½	35½
Genuine Parts	35½	35½
Georgia Pac	72½	71½
Gillette	73½	73½
Glaxo ADR	19½	18½
Goodrich (BF)	43½	44½
Goodyear Tire	33½	34½
Grace (WR)	38½	38½
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24½	24½
Great Wstn Fin	17½	17½
Halliburton	32½	32½
Harcourt General	32	36½
Heinz (HJ)	36½	36½
Hercules	102½	103½
Hershey Foods	47½	47½
Hewlett Packard	95½	94½
Hilton Hotels	58½	59½
Home Depot	44½	44
Homestake Mng	19½	20½
Honeywell	32	32½
Household Intl	34½	34½
Houston Inds	33½	33½
Humana	24½	24
ITT Corp	84½	84½
Illinois Tool	42½	43
Illinova	19½	19
INCO	30½	30½
Ingersoll Rand	35½	35½
Inland Steel	34½	34
Intel Corp	60½	62
IBM	74	74½
Intl Flav & Fr	42½	42½
Intl Paper	74½	74½
James River Va	21¼	21¼
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	54½	54½
Kellogg	57½	57½
Kerr-McGee	47	46½
Kimberly-Clark	57¼	57½
Kmart	15½	15½
Knight-Ridder	50½	50½
Lilly (Eli)	60	60
Limited Inc	17½	18½
LIN Brdcstng	138½	138½
Lincoln Nat	35½	34½
Litton	35½	36½
Liz Claiborne	22½	22½
Lockheed	72	71¼
Louisiana Pac	30½	29½
MCI Comm	22½	22½
Marriott Inc	28½	28½
Marsh & McLnn	74½	74½
Masco Corp	23½	23½
May Dept St	37	37½
Maytag Corp	15½	15½
McDonalds	29½	27½
McDonnell D	125½	126
McGraw Hill	71½	72½
Mead Corp	49½	48½
Medtronic	51½	52
Mellon Bk	54½	53½
Melville Corp	33½	33
Merck Inc	35	34½
Merrill Lynch	37½	36½
Minnesota Mine	53½	53½
Mobil Corp	84½	83½
Monsanto	76½	76½
Morgan (JP)	60½	60½
Motorola Inc	56½	57
Natl Medical	14½	14½
Natl Semi	16½	16½
Natl Service Ind	27	26½
Navistar Int	12½	13½
NBD Bancorp	30	29½
NY Times A	22½	22½
Newmont Mng	41	41½
Niag Mohawk	13½	13
Nike B	61	61
NL Industries	12½	12½
Noram Energy	6	6
Nordstrom	47½	47½
Norfolk Sthrn	62½	62½
Nthn State Pwr	43½	43½
Norwest Corp	24½	23½
Nynex Corp	39½	38½
Occidental Pet	21½	21½
Ohio Edison	18½	18½
Oracle Systems	44½	44½
Oryx Energy Co	14½	14½

	Oct 27 midday	Oct 26 close
Owens Corning	32½	32½
PNC Financial	23½	23½
PPG Industries	40	39½
Paccar Inc	41½	41½
Pacificorp	17½	17½
Pac Enterprises	20½	20½
Pac Gas & Elect	22½	22
Pac Telesis	31½	31½
Pall Corp	18	18
Panhandle East	22½	22½
Parker Hannifin	45½	45½
Penn Energy	24½	24½
Penney (JC)	49½	49
Pennzoil	51½	49½
Pepsico	35	34½
Pfizer	72½	73½
Phelps Dodge	61½	61½
Philip Morris	63½	63½
Phillips Pet	36½	35½
Pitney Bowes	32½	33½
Polaroid	32½	32½
PriceCostco	15½	15½
Procter & Gmbl	62½	62½
Providian	37	37½
Pub Serv E & G	25½	25½
Quaker Oats	74½	74½
Ralston Purina	42½	42½
Raychem Corp	36½	36½
Raytheon	62½	62½
Reebok Intl	39½	39½
Reynolds Metals	55½	55½
Roadway Srvcs	55½	55½
Rockwell Intl	34½	34½
Rohm & Haas	59½	58½
Royal Dutch	113½	112½
Rubbermaid	26½	27
Safeco Corp	49½	49½
St Paul's Cos	42½	42½
Salomon Inc	39½	38½
Santa Fe Pac	15	15½
Sara Lee Corp	25	24
Scecorp	13½	13½
Schering Plough	70½	70½
Schlumberger	55½	55½
Scott Paper	64½	63½
Seagram	30½	30
Sears Roebuck	46½	46½
Shell Trans	69½	69½
Sherwin Wllms	32½	32
Skyline Corp	19½	19½
Snap-On-Tools	31¼	31½
Southern Co	19½	19½
Stwestern Bell	40½	40½
Sprint Corp	32½	32½
Stanley Works	39½	39½
Sun Company	31½	31½
Sun Microsys	32½	31½
Suntrust	48½	48½
Supervalu	24½	24½
Sysco Corp	24	23½
TRW Inc	69½	69½
TCC Inds	7½	7½
Tandem Comp	18½	17½
Tandy Corp	43½	43½
Teledyne	17	16½
Temple Inland	49½	49½
Tenneco	43½	43½
Texaco	64½	63½
Texas Inst	73½	77½
Texas Utilities	32½	32½
Textron	57¼	50½
Time Warner	34½	34½
Times-Mirror	32½	31¼
Timken	35½	35
Torchmark	37½	37½
Toys R Us	37½	37½
Transamerica	47½	47
Travelers	33½	33½
Tribune	51¼	51¼
Tyco Labs	47½	47½
UST Inc	26½	26½
UAL	87½	85½
USX Marathon	17½	17½
Unicom	21¼	20½
Unilever NV	117½	117
Union Camp	46½	46½
Union Carbide	34½	34½
Union Pacific	48½	49½
Unisys Corp	10½	10½
USAir Group	4½	4½
USF&G Corp	13½	14½
US Life	31¼	31¼
US West	37½	36½
United Tech	60½	60½
Unocal Corp	28½	28½
Upjohn	32½	32½
VF Corp	49½	49½
WMX Tech	26½	26½
Wal-Mart Stores	23½	22½
Warner-Lambert	74½	73½
Wells Fargo	147½	149½
Westinghouse El	13½	13½
Weyerhaeuser	38½	39
Whirlpool	51½	51½
Whitman	16½	16½
Winn-Dixie	50½	50½
Woolworth	15½	15½
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44½	44½
Xerox	103½	103½
Yellow Corp	19½	19½

How Labour could avoid trap set by the Treasury

Eprime Eshag

suggests a response to the question 'where is the money coming from?'



Voters find it hard to see much difference between the policies of Gordon Brown, left, and Kenneth Clarke

The Labour Party has, in recent years, frequently proposed to relieve some of Britain's serious economic and social difficulties by increasing public spending on infrastructure, health, education, and welfare. These proposals are invariably countered by the Treasury with the question "where is the money coming from?", followed by the argument that, unless Labour raises taxes, its proposals will result in larger budget deficits, higher government borrowing and inflation.

Since the last general election, Labour has replied that the growth of income and employment generated by the rise in public expenditure will, by itself, contain the budget deficit.

The Treasury argument is clearly based on the familiar monetarist doctrine advocating the containment of the budget deficit in all phases of the economic cycle. Therefore, the mere fact that Labour, instead of questioning that doctrine, decides to argue that its proposals will not result in a larger budget deficit amounts to tacit acceptance of it. The same compromise was made by the party at the last general election, when it proposed to finance higher public expenditure by raising taxes.

In asking "where is the money coming from?" the Treasury is, in effect, setting a trap, very similar to the trap set by the question "when did you stop beating your wife?". That Labour allows itself to be caught in this trap is probably explained by its futile policy of acquiring respectability in the City, the bastion of monetarism.

Be that as it may, this policy has enabled the Treasury to divert debate from the fundamental question of whether it is desirable to restrict the budget deficit in a recession, to the peripheral statistical question of the projected impact on the budget balance of a rise in public expenditure.

No wonder the electorate finds it hard to see much difference between the economic philosophy of the modernised Labour Party and that of the monetarist Conservative Party.

Labour could defend its proposals far more convincingly if it were only prepared to abandon its policy of currying favour with the City and to place some faith in the intelligence and common sense of the electorate by questioning the desirability of containing the budget deficit in a period of widespread unemployment. This it can do by arguing, in common with the overwhelming majority of economists, that as long as the growth in income and expenditure, generated by the policy of raising public expenditure, is matched by a parallel increase in the flow of real goods and services, there need be no upward demand pressure on prices, even if the policy did not contain the budget deficit.

It follows from the above that the only rational and meaningful question to ask advocates of raising public expenditure is: "Where is the additional supply of goods and services coming from?" and not "where is the money coming from?" The answer to the first question is "from the employment of idle labour and equipment resources which is certain to follow the rise in public expenditure during recessions".

It is also clear that the deeper the recession, the larger the volume of idle productive resources, the greater is not only the scope but also the need for raising public expenditure and generating non-inflationary growth. To avoid a serious deterioration in the balance of payments, however, such expansionary fiscal policy should be implemented, either in concert with the other leading industrial countries suffering from mass unemployment, or on an international basis through such schemes as the one proposed by Jacques Delors for the European Community.

The only effect of a failure to contain the budget deficit will be an increase in government borrowing, resulting in a more pronounced growth in the national debt and in the interest payments on it. Such growth in government borrowing would not discourage business investment, provided the authorities permit sufficient growth in the supply of money to prevent a significant rise in interest rates. On the contrary, private investment is likely to be stimulated by the growth in demand generated by public expenditure.

Nor would the rise in interest payments on national debt impose a burden on future generations, since the larger interest payments will be made out of higher national income brought about by the expansionary fiscal measures in periods of recession. Moreover, the growth in public expenditure on projects such as those mentioned above, and in business investment, will ensure that future generations will enjoy better health, education, and training, will work with more efficient infrastructure and industrial plant and equipment, and will live in a less divided and disillusioned, as well as a less poverty- and crime-ridden society, than has been the case in recent years.

Of many historical examples that can be cited in support of these propositions, perhaps the most recent is the experience of the United States during Ronald Reagan's presidency (1981-88). Over that period, the Federal budget deficit and public-sector borrowing more than doubled; the public debt almost trebled; and the supply of money rose by more than 90 per cent, to permit a fall in interest rates. Nevertheless, the rate of inflation was almost halved and gross private investment rose by 30 per cent in real terms, compared with 12 per cent in the preceding eight years.

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EC chief poised for night of the long knives

Wolfgang Münchau looks at how Jacques Santer's team may line up

JACQUES Santer, president-designate of the European Commission, will convene a "night of the long knives" in Luxembourg tomorrow to decide portfolio allocations.

Some of the nominations are foregone conclusions. The most open question will be what to do with Sir Leon Brittan, the Trade Commissioner, an assiduous power player. Sir Leon may be forced to give up responsibility for Eastern Europe, and hence the forthcoming membership negotiations.

The best that can be said about the new Commission is the generally high calibre of the nominees — Sir Leon and Neil Kinnock for Britain, Edith Cresson and Yves Thibault de Silguy for France, Mario Monti for Italy, Erkki Liikanen for Finland, among others.

Mr Santer's difficulty is that there are too many nominees and too few jobs. The number of commissioners will go up from 17 to 21 to take account of the four prospective new EU members. The result is that portfolios have to be divided into ever smaller parts. Economic and monetary policy may be separated, as will agriculture and fisheries and research and future technologies, such as telecommunications.

> 'Foreign policy turf battles will dog new commission'

On foreign affairs, the most important change is the replacement of the current division of "economic" (Sir Leon) and "political" (Hans van den Broek, a hapless Dutchman) with a geographical division into OECD, Eastern Europe, emerging markets, the Mediterranean and Latin America.

This move has the singular advantage of creating jobs, but it does not eliminate the fundamental problem of overlap, which bedeviled the uneasy relationship between Sir Leon and Mr van den Broek. Whatever happens tomorrow, the new Commission will be dogged by perpetual foreign policy turf battles.

This will provide a good opportunity for commissioners with more modest, though more discreetly defined jobs to increase their public profiles. One of them could be Mr Kinnock, who as Transport Commissioner will be in a position where he can push for a number of popular policies, such as air traffic liberalisation, if he is so inclined. So too could Martin Bangemann, the senior German commissioner, who had prepared for retirement before he was unexpectedly reappointed by Chancellor Kohl.

Herr Bangemann is prepared to give up some of his industry portfolio to concentrate on future technologies. Karel van Miert, the amiable Competition Commissioner, will have an opportunity to deepen the one meaningful area of European competition policy, the fight against cartels.

The most important commission job over the next five years is the economics portfolio because it deals with the highly sensitive subject of Economic and Monetary Union (EMU). Under the Maastricht treaty, the Commission's job is to determine which countries fulfil the four economic convergence criteria. The treaty stipulates some objective criteria, but leaves enough political legroom for interpretation. If the Commission finds that a simple majority of EU countries to fulfil the criteria in 1996, and if EU finance ministers agree in a majority vote, the third stage of EMU could begin as early as January 1, 1997, a date preferred by no one but the French. As it happens, the front-runner for this job M de Silguy, currently European adviser to Edouard Balladur, the French Prime Minister. His appointment would promise continued tensions on the subject between France and Germany.

But since Germany is about to propose sweeping changes to the Maastricht treaty towards more federalism, Germany is in a relatively weak position to stop France's push for an early adoption of stage three.

From a British and German point of view, Professor Monti, who is opposed to a hasty move to stage three, would be a better choice.

In making his choice, Mr Santer may employ an amended version of an old Nato witticism. His aim will be to keep the Italians out, the French and Germans in, and the British down.

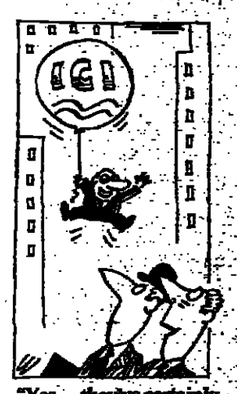
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Eagle stays landed

A BEATING of drums and screeching of birds reverberated around Hyde Park Corner yesterday as South African Airways took the lid off its new secret weapon, a frequent flyer programme. For years, British Airways and SAA had the direct London-Johannesburg route all to themselves, and a profitable route it was too. But the number of carriers serving South Africa has increased to 50 in the four years since Nelson Mandela's release, and SAA has finally woken up. The programme, called Voyager, ties in with British Midland and American Airlines. Hacks were treated to an impressive audio-visual display, but plans to let an eagle loose in the Hotel Intercontinental were called off. "He doesn't travel well," an SAA spokesman squawked.

Shades of Kiam

LORDS Howe and Tebbit together with Sir Michael Bishop, chairman of British Midland, and a host of other dignitaries swooped on the Intercontinental yesterday to speak at the Thomas Cook Business Forum — only to find that it no longer existed. American Express bought Thomas Cook's travel management organisation for $375 million in September and changed the forum's name. Eric Brannan, Amex's senior vice-president, told delegates: "We had our spies in the audience last year and felt it would be better to buy the company than to organise our own forum." Shades of Victor Kiam . . .



"Yes — they've certainly done well"

Trio takes off

CURIOUS goings-on at Credit Lyonnais Laing, which, it seems, has lost the team but kept the product. The trio who created CLL's "Value and Momentum" quants package, Richard Clarke, Helen Bond and Chris Chaitow, have departed for Flemings on the expiry of their three-year contract, but will not, CLL insists, be taking their work with them. The firm has been reminding clients that it owns the rights. Chris Clark is the new man in charge.

THE importance of references when taking people on for jobs might not be all it is made out to be. New evidence published yesterday at the Institute of Personnel and Development conference in Harrogate found that managers will sooner consult an astrologer or study a candidate's handwriting when it comes to selecting people for jobs.

Lucky thirteen

JIM Furlong, the City headhunter, hopes to make it thirteenth time lucky this weekend. Not only has Furlong had three winners with his City racing syndicate this year, but he has clocked up nine other wins. The nag to watch, he tells me, is Toujours Riviera, which won at Ascot two weeks ago, was first at Newmarket last weekend, and is running in the £35,000 Ladbroke Handicap at Newmarket tomorrow.

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THE TIMES DILLONS FORUM

Sir John Harvey-Jones



IN business, people are the most powerful resource we have, but still the most underexploited. We underestimate their intelligence and their initiative and we fail to get the best out of them for business. So argues John Harvey-Jones, one of Britain's best-known and most admired businessmen, in his new book *All Together Now*.

John Harvey-Jones will put forward the blueprint for people-management that he believes could put the UK at the forefront of world business at this Times/Dillons Forum. The forum will take place in the Logan Hall, Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1 on Wednesday November 9 at 7.30 pm. John Harvey-Jones will be signing copies of his new book after the event.

Tickets to this event, priced at £10 (concessions £7.50), are available by calling Dillons on 071 915 6613 or by completing and posting the form below.

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Finding a tune best suited to the tough 1990s

Books that set out to teach you how to be a better manager are usually better left unopened. Not, perhaps, when the name on the cover is Sir John Harvey-Jones, star of the *Troubleshooter* TV series, and a man who won many fans during his years as chairman of ICI.

Those who swear by the Harvey-Jones approach will enjoy his new book, *All Together Now*, which considers how to get the best out of people in the tough 1990s. He uses the metaphor of a concert — the manager is the conductor; the employees the musicians — and the idea is to draw individuals together into a harmonious whole.

There is, he argues, "a deeply rooted antipathy to training in the UK, both on the part of the managers and of those to be trained."

British companies, he says, rarely spend more than 1 or 2 per cent of their payroll budget on training and development, compared with between 10 and 20 per cent overseas. "We think . . . that putting a young person with someone experienced will automatically transfer knowledge and theory. We fail to realise that what happens is that the bad practices accumulated over the years get handed on and on and on."

Creating a team is, he says, like juggling, where all the balls must be kept in play if the task is to succeed. Different individuals pull in different directions; a considerable amount of "fuzz" is needed to allow them some freedom of movement. "If a man or woman is given a job to do, he or she will give of their best only if they feel that they have the necessary space around them."

The idea of flexibility runs like a refrain through the book. "Businesses can only prosper when every man and woman in the business is growing and developing, and is therefore giving of his or her best."

Good management is about striking a balance. During his years as a submariner, Harvey-Jones was rarely praised and frequently criticised. In business, one often receives neither praise nor criticism. Individuals need to know whether they are performing or not.

The modern workplace demands new disciplines. Harvey-Jones joined ICI 38 years ago with the promise of a job for life. "There is not the remotest possibility that someone joining a company in the 1990s will be given such a comforting message."

The office, says Harvey-Jones, has become an increasingly lonely place. Everyone needs a mentor or coach, from the chairman down. Companies and employees need to be interdependent — a form of management that calls for "sensitivity, wisdom, openness of mind, ability to listen and to trust".

Managers need not be tyrants. As Harvey-Jones puts it: "A friend recently challenged my view that it was possible to manage people while still being a nice person. I replied that it had to be possible; it is not credible that only the selfish, insensitive, rash and brash can create and lead teams."

☐ *All Together Now* is published by William Heinemann on November 7.



Vive la différence!

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Gilts and equities rally

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place ten business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
523	380½	Abbey Ntl	412½	+6½	...	4.7	13.9
314	233	Allied Irish	248	+4	...	5.1	9.5
228½	171	Aus New Z	173	+2	...	5.2	27.2
3300	2587½	Bankamerica	2587½	-12½	...	...	...
319	246	Bk of Ireland	278	+4	...	4.7	8.0
247	172½	Bank Scotland	196½	+4	...	3.4	11.1
640	487	Barclays	575	+6	...	3.6	17.7
37	13½	Carlisle	24	...	...	1.3	...
630½	449	Cater Allen	469	+1	...	7.5	9.7
174½	126	Cattles	127	...	...	5.2	14.2
2628½	1543½	Chase Manh	2121½	-6½	...	...	...
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2750	+43½	...	...	...
289½	203	Close Bros	236	...	...	4.0	∞
£150½	£121¼	Commerzbk	£127	-3½	...	6.4	...
£344½	£270½	Deutsche Bk	£292½	-39½	...	2.3	...
90	60	First Nat Fin	68	+3	...	2.8	...
1549½	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1345½	-8½	...	0.4	∞
515	395	Gerrard Nat	454	+16	...	6.7	12.9
1113	660	HSBC	711	+11½	...	4.3	10.3
1133	680	HSBC HK	713	-12	...	4.3	10.3
473	209	Hambros	217	+3	...	8.6	8.9
443	400	Joseph (L)	418	...	...	5.2	12.2
170	106	King Shaxson	114	-1	...	9.9	11.3
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	408	+1	...	5.1	8.2
660	519	Lloyds	552	+8	...	5.2	10.9
119	95	Lon Scot Bk	115	...	...	3.9	17.5
620½	472	Nat Aust Bk	482	+4	...	5.6	10.6
622	421	Nat West	486	+4	...	5.0	9.0
575	415	Provident	528	+9	...	4.2	16.8
79	53	Rea Bros	61	...	...	1.9	17.1
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	425	+2	...	3.5	19.2
1574	1050	Schroders	1318	-12	...	1.8	12.1
399½	223	Stand Chart	286	+8	...	2.8	9.8
291	197	TSB	217½	+4	...	4.6	11.0
199	100	Union	100	-1	...	5.6	9.2
1012	569	Warburg SG	605	+5	...	4.5	7.3
£106	8612½	Wells Fargo	9000	+137½	...	3.0	...
260	194	Westpac	202	+1½	...	2.7	∞
390	210	Wintrust	213	...	...	6.0	14.2

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied Domecq	587	+13	...	4.7	14.3
619	485	Bass	547	+6	...	4.8	14.3
299	250	Boddington	253	...	...	4.1	13.6
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	393	...	...	3.4	22.6
196	168	Burtonwd Brw	196	-1	...	3.4	15.5
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	167	...	...	2.7	23.2
66	46½	Fosters Brewing	56	...	...	5.0	∞
493	380	Fullr Sm 'A'	380	...	...	2.6	15.7
506	375	Grand Met	400	+5	...	4.2	17.4
511	399	Greenalls Grp	405	-4	...	3.9	15.5
584	452	Greene King	529	...	...	3.0	14.7
542	428	Guinness	456	+3	...	3.6	15.0
265	239	Hardy Hansn	260	...	...	4.3	13.3
170	135	Heavitree	150	...	...	3.4	13.5
467	353	Highland Distl	410	...	...	2.2	19.5
3773	3125	Holt J	3575	...	...	1.7	19.7
222	127	Macallan-Glen	215	...	...	0.7	56.3
695	565	Macdo Mrtn 'A'	675	...	...	1.8	27.7
246	195	Mansfield	227	...	...	2.4	13.9
314	256	Mrstn Thmp	307	...	...	2.4	15.9
646	544	Matthew Clark	572	...	...	4.1	12.7
250	113	Mrydwn W	114	...	...	2.7	...
545	463	Morland	510	...	...	2.5	17.1
10½	6½	Paramount	7½	...	...	3.3	∞
274	209	Regent Inns	268	...	...	2.5	∞
1521½	1000	SA Breweries	1440½	...	...	1.9	23.5
591	477	Scot & New	515	+1	...	4.1	15.3
190	142	Taunton Cider	153	...	...	5.4	11.7
306	229	Vaux Group	232	-2	...	5.2	14.9
421	324½	Wetherspoon JD	401	...	...	2.1	∞
617	494	Whitbread	554	+8	...	4.2	16.1
589	493	Wolvrhmptn D	511	+1	...	3.2	14.3
180	148	Yates Bros	171	...	...	2.2	21.1
535	483	Young 'A'	495	...	...	3.8	19.0

BUILDING, ROADS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	135	Abbey	145	...	...	4.5	10.6
27	12	Albrighton	16	...	...	3.9	15.3
200	149	Allen	166	...	...	4.0	19.7
164	98	Amec	100	...	...	3.8	57.7
462	333	Ashtead	452	-7	...	1.5	28.6
165	107	Attwoods	113	...	...	5.5	...
363	274	BPB Ind	304	+1½	...	3.3	20.5
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	125	...	...	3.1	23.6
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	35	...	...	2.5	21.4
88	18½	Barcom	37	...	...	5.4	4.4
60	36½	Bardon	36½	...	...	6.8	...
292	161	Barratt Devs	168	-1	...	4.5	∞
169	122½	Beazer Homes	136	...	...	5.0	10.6
304	179	Bellway	192	+1	...	4.0	18.0
59	34	Bellwinch	34	-2	...	...	29.9
244	125	Berisford Intl	189	...	...	...	...
373	371	Berkeley Gp	373	+1	...	2.3	15.5
215	118	Bett Bros	170	-4	...	2.0	8.5
93	60	Blockleys	66	...	...	1.7	...
391	262	Blue Circle	279	+5	...	5.0	19.8
355	249	Boot (Henry)	249	...	...	3.3	12.2
84	35	Brandon Hire	71	...	...	2.6	...
117	77	Breedon PLC	90	...	...	6.4	26.8
154	130	Br Dredging	135	...	...	5.3	15.9
99	78	Brit Fittings	90	...	...	3.1	...
197½	120	Bryant	121½	-½	...	5.1	13.7
145½	111½	CALA	118	...	...	3.0	16.2
409	321	CRH	345	-1	...	2.8	17.5
70	31	Cakebread Rby	43	...	...	...	...
42	20½	Costain	22½	...	...	...	...
185	123	Countryside	126	...	...	4.1	28.0
128	82	Crest Nicholson	84	...	...	2.4	15.6
140	100	Cussins	108	...	...	3.9	13.0
30	19	Edmond Hldgs	20	-1	...	1.9	...
350	273	Epwin	315	+1	...	3.1	18.7
82	57	Erith	65	...	...	2.7	36.0
473	328	Eve Group	328	...	...	4.2	13.4
60	27	Galliford	27	-1	...	4.6	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	90	...	...	3.8	...
1028	833	Gleeson (MJ)	840	...	...	2.1	∞
218	160	Graham Grp	162	+2	...	3.5	15.5
169	139	Hewden-Stuart	148	-1	...	2.5	17.0
82	46	Hewetson	76	...	...	2.1	...
475	286	Heywd Wlm	287	...	...	5.9	16.2
144	86	Higgs & Hill	96	+2	...	3.3	...
41	27	How Gp	38	...	...	2.5	...
32	20	Howard Hldgs	23	-½	...	4.3	21.5
100	67	Ibstock	77	+1	...	1.6	...
25	6	Jarvis	9½	...	...	...	...
138	104	Keller	110	...	...	4.3	12.8
428	204	Laing (J)	237	...	...	4.7	21.4
	90½	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	98	-½	...	8.2	...
145	115	Lon Clydeside	125	...	...	4.8	17.3
173	63	Lovell (YJ)	74	...	...	...	...
405	302	Manders	308	-1	...	4.1	15.0
217½	130	Marley	131	-2	...	4.0	15.5
155	126	Marshalls	141	-1	...	3.8	17.3
253	196	Maunders (J)	219	...	...	3.1	∞
321	186	McAlpine (A)	199	...	...	4.1	29.2
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	57	...	...	1.1	...
569	359	Meyer Int	370	+3	...	3.6	15.6
185½	94	Mowlem (J)	102½	...	...	2.4	...
202½	96	NSM	99	...	...	...	11.4
196	146	Newman Tnks	163	...	...	4.9	20.6
379½	205	Persimmon	208	...	...	5.5	15.6
20	9	Phoenix Timber	12	...	...	...	...
1800	1450	Pochins	1631½	...	...	2.5	∞
198	128	Prowting	131	...	...	3.2	40.3
1079	805	RMC Gp	966	-4	...	2.8	20.0
116	52	Raine Ind	52	-1	...	7.2	10.8
30	19	Ramus	19	...	...	...	...
640	448	Redland	461	+12	...	6.8	21.3
108	70	Roskel	98	+1	4.3	5.5	...
185½	114	Rugby Group	116½	+½	...	3.7	14.7
288	222	SIG	244	-2	...	2.9	19.6
61	50	Secure Retire	50	...	...	...	...
67	50	Svrfld-Rve	62	...	0.7	1.5	29.2
200	155	Sharpe & Fisher	175	...	...	3.1	12.8
367	233	Sheriff Hldgs	365	-1	...	1.5	24.3
112	62½	Shoreo	112	+1	...	4.4	9.8
245	195	Smart (J)	230	-3	...	4.6	19.8
5	1	Starmin	1	...	...	...	...
206	121	Tarmac	123	-1½	...	5.6	...
257	151	Tay Homes	178	-2	...	4.5	∞
183	114½	Taylor Woodrw	126	...	...	1.7	30.8
760	538	Tilbury Dougls	560	...	...	7.4	42.9
60	36	Torex Hire	56	...	...	2.0	29.2
370	274	Travis Perkins	293	...	...	3.5	18.1
29½	15	Trencherwood	18	...	...	...	...
40½	23	Try Group	24	...	...	2.6	...
28	21	Tudor	24	...	...	1.3	...
114	90	Vibroplant	114	...	...	3.9	30.1
170	123½	Walnhomes	126	-1	...	4.2	13.6
74	48	Ward Hldgs	59	...	...	1.1	...
63	33	Waterhouse	51	...	...	...	...
545	450	Watts Blake	535	...	...	2.9	20.1
257½	148	Westbury	156	...	...	4.2	17.3
7½	3½	Wiggins	7½	+½	...	...	...
571	332	Wilson Bowdn	350	+1	...	3.4	15.6
259	171	Wilson (C)	179	-1	...	2.9	14.9
249	132	Wimpey G	140	...	...	4.7	20.9
30	16	YRM	16	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	583	ADT	703	...	...	...	...
503	253	Adam & Harvey	503	...	...	3.7	6.9
63	58	Air London	65	...	...	6.9	∞
62	44	African Lakes	57	...	...	1.1	...
140	69	Auto Sec	76	...	...	...	9.9
162	99	BET Ord	105	-2	...	3.9	17.5
195	115	BNB Res	184	...	...	3.4	21.5
255	175	BPP	213	...	...	5.2	15.2
186	133	BSM	134	...	...	6.0	11.4
235	183	Barbour Index	193	...	...	5.8	15.8
1½	0½	Black & Edg	0½	...	...	...	...
226	159	Brit Data Mgt	180	...	...	3.8	∞
31	22	Broadcastle	26	...	...	6.1	12.2
79	57	Brooks Service	64	+6	...	3.5	...
117½	87	CRT Gp	89	-1	...	4.6	21.9
238	158	Capita Group	162	...	...	2.2	20.6
39	28	Casket Plc	28½	+½	...	4.6	9.7
26½	7½	Caltern Capital	25½	...	...	...	...
85	40	Christie	40	...	...	...	...
423	292	Chubb Sec	315	+4	...	2.5	19.4
65	41	Corp Services	59	...	...	0.5	22.2
97	48	Coms Coslog	95	...	...	0.9	...
179	140	Dart	162	...	...	2.9	17.3
276	212	Davis Service	225	...	...	4.5	15.1
154	95	EW Fact	96	...	...	6.4	7.2
34	18	Gardiner	18½	...	...	5.1	8.7
334	261	Hays	275	+2	...	2.8	18.8
289	220	Hogg Robinsn	220	...	...	4.0	15.4
39	18	Holmes Protectn	23	...	...	...	14
367½	240	Hutch Whamp	271	-½	...	2.0	20.2
2490½	1728½	ISS B DKr	1775	-9½	...	5.9	1.9
609	395	Inchcape	434	+15	...	4.3	14.4
165	138	JBA Hldgs	139	-1	...	2.2	14.0
414	254	Johnson Clean	258	...	...	5.3	10.3
8	4	Lep	4½	-½	...	...	...
194	141½	Mitie Gp	190	...	...	1.5	22.2
1865½	1150½	Manpower	1725	-21½	...	0.7	...
115	65	Michael Page	110	...	...	2.6	27.0
143	90	Parity	136	...	...	2.1	35.5
115	83	Pennla	84	...	...	6.0	...
89½	60½	Proudfoot	65	...	...	6.7	11.1
415	290	RCO	310	...	...	6.1	10.7
137	97	REA	136	...	...	3.5	28.1
177	104	Reed Executive	158	...	1.0	0.8	...
153	105	Reliance Sec	152	...	...	3.9	∞
279	190½	Rentokil	235	-3½	...	1.7	23.2
195	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	187	...	...	2.7	29.1
392	243	Salvesen (C)	266	+1	...	3.8	13.8
68	43	Scott Pickford	57	...	...	2.0	∞
17½	9	Select App	14	...	...	...	...
307	243	Serco Gp	289	...	...	1.6	26.3
130	75	Sherwd Cmp	100	+1	...	...	...
130	93	Sketchley	99	...	...	4.0	15.5
146	100	Unipalm	108	...	...	...	∞
338	325	Warner Howrd	327	...	...	2.8	15.5
30½	18	Wills Gp	18½	...	...	3.4	10.4

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
156½	115½	Allied Colloids	124½	-1	...	2.2	21.6
1141	910	Amersham	970	-1	...	2.0	20.3
3½	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£140½	£106½	BASF DM	£124½	-156½	...	7.5	...
373	286	BTP	299	...	...	4.2	18.9
£160½	£129½	Bayer DM50	£138	+84½	...	8.5	...
171	97	Blagden	116	+1	...	1.6	54.3
131	98	Brent Chems	115	+1	...	4.3	...
615	311½	Brit Biotech	578	+3	...	...	...
13	5½	Caird Gp	6½	...	...	...	17.4
199	153	Canning (W)	182	...	...	5.0	30.8
580	428	Courtaulds	439	+8	...	4.2	35.4
389	327	Croda	354	-1	...	3.0	15.2
143	95	Doeflex	126	...	...	4.2	15.4
283	225	Ellis & Everard	263	-1	...	3.6	19.4
62	35½	Euro Colour	61½	...	...	2.3	22.0
399	337	Halstead (J)	374	...	...	2.5	∞
223	148	Hickson	148	...	...	6.8	13.3
£153½	£108½	Hoechst	£128½	-262½	...	5.7	...
250	153½	Holliday Chem	217	...	...	2.5	17.7
868	728	ICI	789½	-12½	...	4.4	63.5
843	600	Laporte	669	-3	...	3.8	17.4
248	188	Leigh	188	...	...	5.2	17.2
95	48	MTM	81	...	...	0.8	...
2540½	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2450	-34½	...	1.3	∞
625	428	Paterson Zch	453	...	...	3.8	∞
595	413	Paterson Zch 'A'	434	...	...	4.0	∞
250	172	Plysu	172	-1	...	5.1	24.6
349	265	Porvair	288	+2	...	1.0	21.7
60	31	Sutcliffe Speak	34	...	...	1.8	20.2
490	361	Wardle Storeys	411	...	...	5.2	21.5
823	570	Wlmhme R	785	...	...	3.0	16.4
483	380	Yorks Chem	395	...	...	2.6	17.0
336	258	Yule Catto	284	...	...	2.9	21.6
869	672	Zeneca	845½	+8½	...	4.1	17.0

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
249	203	Alders	219	...	...	3.8	16.3
410	307	Argos Plc	325	+1	...	3.2	17.1
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	72	...	...	0.2	...
357	134	Asprey	148	+9	...	5.1	7.3
246	176	Austin Reed	242	...	...	2.8	12.2
168	135	Beattie (J) 'A'	136	...	...	5.7	17.8
150	110	Bentalls	126	...	...	2.0	43.7
165	36	Betterware	53	...	...	6.7	5.6
48	30	Blacks Leis	31	...	...	9.3	...
264	189½	Body Shop	222	-2	...	1.2	19.4
601	497	Boots	522	...	...	3.6	20.6
12½	2½	Brown & Jackson	2½	-½	...	...	...
263	210	Brown (N)	226	-1	...	2.4	20.0
74½	51	Burton	67	-½	...	3.7	...
245	153	Cantors	153	...	...	3.3	∞
520	388	Church	498	...	...	3.3	25.4
171	96	Clinton Cards	101	...	...	5.8	14.7
287	190	Coats Viyella	194	+3	...	5.4	16.5
170	81	Cry Casuals	82	-6	...	6.7	8.2
903	720	Courts Furnish	735	...	...	1.0	37.4
210	155	Crown Eye	160	...	...	7.4	7.0
137	79½	Dairy Farm Intl	79½	-1	...	4.3	11.6
143	97	Dewhirst (IJ)	126	+1	...	2.7	17.8
287	170	Dixons Grp	195	+½	...	4.2	20.7
11½	7½	ERA Gp	8	...	...	...	...
11½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	8½	...	...	2.8	...
580	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	...	3.8	27.2
284	181	Essex Furn	195	...	...	2.8	∞
326	217	Etam	287	-½	...	3.4	15.8
558	457	Fine Art Dev	463	...	14.3	3.9	14.3
69	46	Fired Earth	67	...	...	...	...
155	136	Forminster	148	...	...	2.7	∞
278	134	French Conn	243	...	...	...	10.3
78	48	Gent SR	69	...	...	4.1	∞
127	85	Goldsmiths Gp	124	...	...	1.9	22.1
653	521	GUS	549	-7	...	3.0	16.1
196	164	Hamleys	166	...	...	3.6	15.7
31	21	Hampden Grp	24	+1	...	5.2	69.1
70½	13½	Hartstone	13½	-1	...	3.0	...
91	64	Honeysuckle	69	...	...	4.5	10.1
227	178	Hse of Fraser	190	-½	...	3.2	17.6
95	68½	Hughes (TJ)	86	-1	...	3.7	14.1
211	173	Jacques Ver	198	...	...	3.0	16.6
778	467	Kingfisher	477	+4	...	3.9	12.5
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	67	...	...	7.5	14.1
435	330	Liberty	330	-10	...	1.8	...
390	277	Lloyds Chem	308	...	...	3.9	9.7
184	126	MFI	137	-1	...	3.6	17.1
460½	380	Marks Spencer	417	-3	...	2.8	19.4
680	495	Menzies (John)	496	...	...	3.0	12.2
277	238	Moss Bros	364	-3	...	2.9	14.2
275	214	Next	242	+6	...	3.5	14.7
96	39	Oliver (G)	89½	...	...	...	27.7
335	255	Oriflame Intl	361	-1	...	5.0	11.8
37	12	Pentos	16½	...	...	...	...
268	168	QS Hldgs	168	...	...	3.9	18.4
62	22	Rhino Grp	23	...	...	2.7	21.9
209	140	Rosebys	140	...	...	4.2	16.4
180	90	Sherwood Gp	90	...	...	4.2	8.9
132	99½	Sears	109	+1	...	4.3	18.5
46	21	Signet Group	21	...	...	...	7.2
549	427	Smith WH	459	...	...	4.2	23.7
21	10	Specialeyes	10	...	...	...	...
252	189	Storehouse	219	-½	...	3.1	19.5
198	146	T & S Stores	166	-1	...	4.7	11.8
173	114	Tie Rack	121½	...	...	1.8	14.4
265	215	Time Products	238	...	...	4.7	15.8
132	105	Usher (Frank)	121	...	...	7.2	9.2
539	384	Vendome	516	+1	...	1.3	39.7
44	34	Vivat	40	...	...	3.9	10.4
70	33	WFW Group	35	...	...	2.1	25.8
108	42	Wensum	104	...	...	3.5	15.1
129	87½	Wickes	89	+1	...	1.8	20.0
93½	52	Wld of Leather	80	+1	...	1.1	...
195	138	Wyevale	145	...	...	3.9	15.4

ELECTRICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	96	ACT Group	97	+½	...	6.8	9.1
296	248	Aral	284	...	...	3.0	17.8
650	478	Admiral	645	...	...	1.3	19.8
198	163	Alba	182	...	...	3.4	15.0
46	34	Alphameric	42	+1	...	...	32.0
50	25½	Amstrad	28½	+1	...	2.2	...
110	73	App Holo	102	...	...	...	...
39	24	Arlen	33	...	...	...	...
94½	78	Astec	83	+½	...	1.4	17.0
281	118	Azlan	135	+1	...	2.8	10.7
283	239	Beales Humer	275	...	...	4.4	∞
478	325	BICC	341	+9	...	7.1	21.5
535	405	Blick	405	...	...	3.2	16.3
1100	637½	Borland	650	...	...	...	...
380	289	Bowthorpe	305	+2	...	2.9	17.4
486	353½	BT	383½	+4½	...	5.4	13.4
21½	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	17½	+½	...	1.8	10.3
79	55	Burnfield	72	...	...	3.2	30.9
543	381	Cable Wireless	399	+7	...	2.6	16.9
35½	24	Chloride	26½	...	...	...	73.4
283	263	CML Micro	269	...	...	2.8	17.2
205	105	Compt People	195	...	...	1.6	44.4
202	156	Cray Elect	175	-2½	...	1.6	20.4
467	412	Crichley	436	...	...	2.3	19.5
586	413	Delta	431	-6	...	4.2	18.4
663	446	Denmans El	598	...	...	1.4	16.7
560	400	Domino	520	...	...	2.0	22.4
78	63	Dowding Mills	64	...	...	5.0	23.4
1635	1220	Druck	1460	...	...	0.9	27.2
589	443	Electrocompnts	456	-2	...	2.6	19.9
199½	135	El Data Prc	138	...	...	1.7	12.8
175	133	Electron House	155	...	...	2.6	16.0
38½	21	Emess	32	...	...	0.4	...
451	343	Eurotherm	380	-2	...	1.6	22.5
212	153	FKI	158	-1	...	2.9	18.3
656	495	Farnell Elect	495	-2	...	2.0	20.3
346	296	First Tech	333	...	...	1.3	19.2
283	194	Forward Gp	194	...	...	3.2	11.6
58	14½	Forward Tech	44	...	...	2.1	9.1
353½	268½	GEC	270½	-3½	...	5.0	13.6
191	119	Graseby	150	...	...	5.0	14.1
14½	10	Graystone	13	...	...	2.3	11.0
193	121	Ind Control	123	+1	...	5.1	∞
388	268	Jones Stroud	345	...	...	3.3	16.5
146	99	Kalamazoo Cmp	120	-2	...	3.4	13.6
396	335	Kenwood App	376	...	...	3.0	18.0
298	221	Kewill Sys	253	...	...	2.5	11.0
165	38	Kode	60	...	...	8.3	...
35	19	Laser-Scan	20	...	...	...	...
143½	68	LBMS	99	-1	...	...	...
171	107	Life Sciences	139	...	...	3.7	13.8
321	266	Logica	296	...	...	2.1	∞
55	43	LPA Ind	54	...	...	3.7	...
216	110	MK Data Mngt	114	...	...	6.1	∞
723	423	Macro 4	423	...	...	5.9	11.9
281	210	Memvier-Sw	260	-2	...	2.0	20.3
1320	790	Micro Focus	895	...	...	...	10.8
178	115	Microgen	117	...	...	7.7	11.7
45	31	Microvitec	35	...	...	...	...
548½	424	Misys	424	...	...	2.4	∞
494	185	Mitel	213	-1	...	...	...
188	143	MMT Comp	173	...	...	3.1	17.7
320	250	MTL Inst	320	...	...	1.7	19.3
148	109	Murray Ent	113	...	...	2.2	...
2746½	2284½	NYNEX	2328½	-21½	...	...	...
128	53	Neotronics	53	...	...	6.1	11.5
46	32	Newmark (L)	48	...	...	...	...
439	279	Norbain	438	-1	...	0.6	21.0
100	47	Northamber	87	...	...	1.1	36.9
9½	4	Oceonics	4	...	...	...	...
31	23	Orbis	23	...	0.5	2.8	∞
358	277	Oxford Inst	309	...	...	2.0	18.2
84	60	P & P	69	...	...	3.9	17.1
98	74½	Peek	80	...	...	5.4	19.9
235	160	Pegasus	160	...	...	3.9	16.1
£115	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£100	...	...	5.8	...
2175	1400	Philips Lmp nv	1890½	-12½	...	1.0	8.7
440	210	Photolink	219	...	...	...	...
399	293	Pifco	354	...	...	1.6	24.3
344	283	Pifco 'A' Vtg	332	...	...	1.7	22.8
140	70	Plasmec	120	...	...	3.9	...
129	100	Pressac	100	-10	...	3.7	∞
303	181	Psion	255	...	...	1.4	17.9
261	187	Racal Elect	255	+5	...	2.1	21.0
52	33	Radamec	52	...	...	4.6	14.3
48	37	Radius	38	...	...	1.2	...
169	73	Real Time	156	...	...	3.2	11.8
311	229	Roxboro	230	...	...	2.4	16.8
615	507	Sage Gp	605	...	...	2.1	16.3
94	77½	Sanderson Elec	80	...	...	4.5	...
89	15	Scantronic	20	+2½	...	5.3	∞
256	162	Scholes Grp	253	...	...	0.8	∞
438	310	Sema Gp	435	...	...	1.0	26.2
270	245	Servomex	266	...	...	3.1	28.4
49	35	Silvermines	35	...	...	2.9	20.8
94	63	Soundtracks	63	...	...	4.8	14.3
3225	2265½	TDK	2978½	+56½	...	1.1	∞
19	11	TDS Circuits	11	...	...	...	...
101	51	TGI	84	...	...	3.0	15.7
170	80	Telemetrix	85	...	...	1.5	10.9
318	191	Telspec	309	+2	...	1.0	37.3
1165	963	Thorn EMI	979	+7	...	4.3	20.0
230	133	Thorpe FW	215	...	...	1.9	15.7
43	22	Total Systems	36	...	...	...	37.4
303	215	Tunstall	252	...	...	1.8	18.0
363	256	Unitech	354	+1	...	2.3	27.7
16	8½	Verity	9	...	...	...	...
31	20½	Vistec	30½	-½	...	2.4	11.2
220	157½	Vodafone	207	+4	...	1.7	26.5
483	395	Volex	395	...	...	5.7	17.3
200	60	Wakebourne	94	...	...	...	...
31	20	Western Selecon	25	...	0.2	1.2	...
335	253	Wholesale Ftgs	253	-2	11.7	5.8	∞

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
787	537	East Midlands	664	+5	...	4.9	45.7
866	566	Eastern Grp	757	+14½	...	3.8	16.6
477	307	Hydro-Elect	313	...	...	5.0	9.9
753	534	London Elect	698	+3	...	4.0	10.7
871	636	Manweb	793	+8	...	3.8	9.5
840	547	Midlands Elec	756	+15	...	3.8	11.6
520	404½	National Powr	480	+6	...	3.3	11.9
858	589	Northern Elec	801	+9	...	3.9	10.0
421	329	Nthn Ireland	391	-2	...	3.9	9.8
850	587	Norweb	780	-1	...	3.7	10.3
602	449	PowerGen	549	+3	...	2.9	12.0
486	325	Scottish Power	349	+7	...	4.4	11.0
453	299	Seeboard	414	+2	...	3.5	11.0
840	591	Sth Wales	785	+5	...	4.1	10.6
824	551	Sth Western	764	+9	...	3.8	10.1
837	540	Southern Elec	767	+8	...	3.7	12.0
795	532	Yorkshire Elec	718	+1	...	4.1	14.0

FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	51	...	...	2.5	...
165	78	BWD	95	...	...	5.5	7.8
126	96	Baltic Plc	125	...	...	2.0	7.9
215	163	Botec Inv	165	...	...	...	...
757	623	Caledonia	680	+1	...	3.0	16.8
2450	1900	Camellia	2375	...	...	1.7	6.4
363	310	Candover	325	...	...	4.3	...
212	178	Exco	179	...	...	5.9	9.7
465	353	Goven	363	...	...	4.9	6.2
250	185	Ivory Sime	238	+2	...	3.9	18.5
428	150	Johnson Fry	165	...	1.5	1.1	...
245	138	Lon Forfaitng	155	...	...	7.5	9.7
57	44	Manakin	52	...	...	...	...
25½	8½	Nat Home Loan	16½	...	...	...	0.3
58	16	Newmarket	16	...	...	...	...
365	247	Rathbone Br	283	...	...	4.0	13.0
29	21½	Rutland Tst	28½	-½	...	4.2	13.4
369	281½	S & U	330	...	...	4.1	10.7
114	75	Singer & Fried	79	...	...	5.0	10.2
1260	763	Sotheby's	773	...	...	3.6	33.4
188	116	STP Capital	128	-1	...	2.9	7.9
224	143	Towry Law	143	...	...	3.9	12.3

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2037½	1628½	Amer Express	1795½	-31½	...	...	...
154	126	Brewin Dolphin	134	...	...	5.4	9.9
229	157	Gartmore	174	+4½	...	2.9	20.1
1208	845	Henderson Ad	928	+13	...	5.9	14.7
251½	151	Invesco	163	+8	...	2.9	26.8
317	214½	Jardine Stra	232½	-1½	...	3.3	10.2
323	218	MAI	238½	+3½	...	4.1	13.0
117½	88½	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	92½	+1	...	...	...
770	538	MAM	607	+7	...	4.6	14.2
1243	794	M & G	919	+9	...	3.8	19.2
496	324	Smith New Ct	324	...	...	3.7	2.8
65	25	Trio Hldgs	30	...	...	6.2	13.6

FOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	499	AB Food	536	-12	...	3.5	10.5
68	50½	ASDA Group	61½	...	...	3.6	14.1
368	265	Acatos & Hutch	279	...	...	3.8	11.1
74	43	Albert Fisher	44	...	...	11.0	14.3
315	222½	Argyll	259	+3	...	5.6	11.3
270	220	Banks (S C)	220	...	...	5.5	8.4
373	305	Barr (AG)	370	...	...	2.3	23.9
72	41	Bensons Crsp	42	...	...	6.4	...
481	378	Booker	405	...	...	6.8	14.9
56½	48	Borthwick	51	...	...	3.2	21.8
505	413	Brake Bros	427	...	...	2.1	19.3
43	24	Budgen	25	...	...	5.0	15.9
212	156	CPL Aromas	208	-1	...	1.8	19.9
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	431	+5	...	4.5	14.3
232	145	Carrs Milling	184	...	...	3.1	10.0
167	130	Cranswick	149	...	...	6.9	12.4
17	11½	Cullens	14½	+½	...	...	...
154	90	Dalepak	103	-1	...	1.8	∞
543	389	Dalgety	432	+2	...	6.1	12.1
87	50	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.7	...
294	212	Devro	212	...	...	3.7	14.3
101	54	Everest	56	...	...	5.6	∞
394	344	Farepak	344	...	...	2.4	19.6
8½	5½	Farringford	5½	...	...	...	...
85	68	Finlay (James)	78	...	...	6.8	10.3
108	87	Fyffes	105	...	...	1.7	18.0
371	189	Geest	192	-7	...	5.4	...
20½	13	Global	13	...	...	4.8	11.8
68	38	Grand Central	48	...	...	...	...
194	119	Hazlewood Fds	124	+3	...	6.8	7.7
196½	151	Hillsdown	169	+1	...	6.0	11.9
28	16	Hobson	23½	...	...	...	...
211	133	Iceland Group	163	...	...	3.0	10.1
111	93	JLI Group	95	...	...	6.3	13.4
656	523	Kwik Save	546	+1	...	4.3	9.5
376	138	Low (Wm)	364	...	...	2.9	12.1
127	85	Matthews (B)	113	-1	...	3.0	13.6
18	9	Merchant Retail	9	...	...	2.8	...
149	99	Morrison (W)	134	+1	...	1.0	15.6
246	205	Nichols (JN)	241	...	...	3.0	15.5
271½	193	Nthn Foods	201	+1	...	5.5	9.8
14	9	Nrthmbrn Fn	11	...	...	...	...
232	172	Nurdin Peack	172	...	...	4.8	9.5
146	89½	Park Foods	120	...	...	2.5	24.3
81	62	Perkins Food	75	-½	...	7.4	12.6
141	109	PizzaExpress	112	...	...	2.2	17.2
5½	1½	Regina Hlth	1½	...	...	...	...
480	342	Sainsbury J	393	+7	...	3.4	13.9
96	73	Sentry Farm	81	...	...	3.5	8.2
122	71	Sims Food	81	...	...	11.6	∞
467½	392	Tate & Lyle	414	+1	...	4.0	10.3
255	200½	Tesco	232	...	...	4.3	11.6
198	162	Thorntons	175	...	...	3.5	14.3
238	145	Treat	218	...	...	2.4	17.8
434½	323	Unigate	337	+9	...	6.4	9.5
388	293½	Utd Biscuits	300	+5	...	6.4	24.5
31	7	Usborne	7	...	...	5.9	5.2
422	279	Watsonn Philip	383	+8	...	4.8	15.5
49	34	West Trust	34	...	...	9.2	23.8

HOTELS, CATERERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
40	26	Abrdn Stk H	34	...	...	...	...
94	76	City Centre Rest	77	...	...	2.9	15.6
285	209½	Forte	226	+2	...	4.1	26.7
207	169	Friendly Hotels	179	...	...	4.0	30.0
173½	142½	Jurys Hotel	157½	-½	...	4.4	14.1
217½	148½	Ladbroke	149	...	...	2.9	26.3
109½	74½	Mandarin Orntl	77½	+1½	...	3.9	21.2
31½	18½	Ryan Hotels IL	27½	...	...	4.7	15.7
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	938	...	...	0.5	...
92	60½	Stakis	79	-½	...	1.9	28.4

INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	34	AAF Inds	41	...	...	...	...
544	391	AAH	391	-3	...	5.7	13.9
185	119	AIM	150	...	...	3.8	40.0
138	60½	APV	61½	-2	...	8.9	...
220	157	ASW	188	-1	...	4.0	...
202	148	Adwest	148	...	...	6.3	15.1
21½	14	Aerospace Eng	18	...	...	5.2	51.0
312	223	Airsprung	244	...	...	2.5	15.2
230	147	Alexdra W	148	...	...	4.9	15.8
11½	5½	Allied Radio	5½	...	...	...	...
341	283	Alumasc	337	-3	...	2.3	∞
73	27½	Alvis	35	...	...	3.6	24.3
780	705	Amber Ind	780	...	...	3.2	16.2
65½	43½	Amberley Gp	54	...	...	2.3	29.5
81	43	Anagen	57	...	...	...	...
95	47	Andrews Sykes	68	...	...	...	...
380	199½	Antofagasta	350	+12	...	1.3	28.2
82	48	Armour	51½	...	...	4.5	∞
175	158	Ash & Lacy	158	...	...	5.1	16.3
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	...	1.4	58.8
639	474	Avon Rubber	537	...	...	3.8	23.3
297½	245	Assoc Nursg	245	...	...	1.0	14.3
553	490	Atlas Equip	533	...	...	5.2	17.8
125	66	Ayrshire Metal	113	...	1.5	1.7	...
236	173	BBA	183	-4	...	3.1	...
193	115	BLP Group	163	...	...	0.8	44.7
44	24½	BM Gp	44	-1	...	...	...
767	622	BOC	681	+2	...	4.3	28.7
86½	57½	BSG	57½	-½	...	7.0	35.9
578	495	BSS Group	525	...	...	4.2	21.9
401	299	BTR	306½	+5½	...	5.1	16.2
176	138	BWI	143	-2	...	6.0	∞
30	26½	Babcock	30	...	...	...	...
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
270	216	Baird (Wm)	218	...	...	5.2	18.3
568½	368½	Barlow	481½	...	...	0.7	...
81	64	Baynes (Charles)	78	...	...	2.8	20.0
25½	17	Bearing Power	23	...	...	4.1	14.6
95	23	Beaufort	33	...	...	...	...
35	28	Bedford (W)	32	...	...	...	...
18½	8½	Benson Group	10	...	...	4.1	∞
303	263	Bespak	274	...	...	4.7	14.1
91	49	Bibby (J)	58	-4	...	4.3	...
226	123	Billam (J)	124	...	...	5.3	7.7
39	26	Biston Bruss	35	...	...	...	...
10	3½	Blanec Ind	6½	...	...	...	...
283	243	Birkby	344	...	...	3.1	17.9
48	30	Black Arrow	41	...	...	7.9	10.0
290	233	Black (Peter)	262½	...	...	2.1	18.8
250	135½	Bluebird Toys	226	-2	...	3.3	6.6
329	262	Bodycote	311	...	...	2.2	21.1
40	28	Bogod 'A'	28	...	...	3.1	∞
75	43	Booth Inds	65	...	...	...	...
28½	17	Boustead	26	...	...	3.8	∞
524	409	Bowater	446	+3	...	3.7	16.7
1865½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1587½	-65½	...	...	...
297	249	Boxmore Intl	280	...	...	1.9	17.8
20	15	Brasway	15½	...	...	4.3	15.8
370	288	Brammer	340	...	...	4.8	18.9
31	16	Bridgend Gp	16	...	...	1.6	...
171	120	Bridon	156	...	...	3.2	...
101	74	Bridport-Gndry	99	-2	...	3.9	∞
57½	44	Brierley Inv	46½	+1½	...	8.7	∞
235	180	Br Bldg & Eng	180	...	...	5.7	∞
124	70	Br Bloodstock	74	...	...	...	66.4
515	435	Br Polythene	443	-1	...	3.5	15.5
172½	121½	Br Steel	156½	...	...	1.6	58.0
176	43	Br Thornton	43	...	...	17.4	3.8
309	219	Br Vita	236	...	...	4.0	17.6
180½	128	Brixton Grp	128	-2	...	2.4	18.8
988	773½	Broken Hill	931	+27	...	2.1	39.3
125	86½	Bromsgrve Ind	88	-1	...	6.4	11.2
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	12½	...	...	...	...
77	46	Brown & Tawse	48	...	...	...	...
186	135	Bullough	146	...	...	5.2	24.0
16	7	Business Tech	7½	...	...	...	...
22	14	CI Group	15	...	...	2.5	...
54	31	Campbl & Arm	42	-1	...	...	...
39	10½	Cannon St	11½	-4	...	...	4.4
488	393	Cantab Pharms	393	...	...	...	...
278	236	Cape	237	...	...	5.8	15.1
455	254	Caradon	266	+4	...	4.2	17.6
215½	128	Caradon pf	129½	+1	7.2	7.0	...
293	248	Carclo Eng	248	...	...	4.6	16.2
10	6	Care UK	6½	...	...	...	...
2446½	1890½	Carnaud Mtl	2012½	-175	...	2.4	15.6
104	80	Cassidy Bros	85	...	...	4.0	10.9
155	110	Castings	137	...	...	2.4	16.8
66	29	Cathay Intl	30	...	...	...	...
233	191	Celltech	220	+4	...	...	...
230	155	Chamberlin Hill	160	...	...	5.1	10.1
836	636½	Charter	765	...	...	3.7	21.8
360	272	Chemring	292	...	...	4.0	15.4
62	46	Chieftain Gp	50	...	...	7.8	11.2
246	152	Christies Int	163	...	...	1.5	28.8
80	60	Claybithe	75	...	...	4.4	∞
688	403	Cohen (A)	540	...	3.4	0.8	...
297	232	Community H	247	...	...	4.0	14.3
263	182	Concentric	182	-1	...	4.1	15.1
310	240	Cook (Wm)	271	...	...	3.5	13.0
285	226½	Cookson	235	+1	...	3.5	21.3
117	81	Copymore	115	...	...	4.5	16.3
167	108	Cornwl Pkr 'A'	108	...	...	6.6	26.2
157	109	Cosalt	131	-1	...	6.0	...
285	190	Creighton Nl	194	...	...	5.0	∞
44	30	CrestaCare	32	...	...	3.0	...
2062½	1509½	Dana	1512½	+6½	...	...	...
388	269	Danka Bs Sys	298	+5	...	0.7	24.6
296	198	David Brown	212	...	...	3.9	15.0
1021	825	De La Rue	974	-6	...	2.6	20.7
162	133	Denby Group	153	...	...	2.5	14.9
52	32	Dinkie Heel	34	...	...	3.2	9.8
628	465½	Diploma	451	...	...	3.5	18.1
97	70	Dobson Park	78	...	...	8.0	15.4
134	92	Dyson (J&J)	92	...	...	4.8	∞
97	75	Dyson 'A'	75	...	...	5.8	∞
16	12	EPG	14½	...	0.1	0.9	9.5
442	364	EIS	390	-1	...	4.0	15.5
28	15	Elbief	17	...	...	...	...
53	25	Eleco	31	...	...	...	...
3756½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3234½	-21½	...	1.7	94.7
91	69	Elliott (B)	88	...	...	1.4	13.4
447½	330	Eng China Cl	354	+22	...	5.7	17.0
146	96	Enviromed	120	...	...	0.2	...
3781½	2237½	Ericsson 'B'	3737½	+15½	...	1.0	32.2
86	56	Eurocopy	63	...	...	3.6	18.6
118	60	Expamet	102	...	...	3.2	72.3
402	334½	Fairey Group	369	...	...	2.1	19.5
148	109	Fenner	135	...	...	0.4	...
110	82	Ferraris Group	89	...	...	3.0	13.0
45	34	Ferrum	34	...	...	...	...
78	50	Fife Indmar	61	+1	...	3.6	9.0
157	107	Fisons	116	...	...	3.0	...
60	37	Fitzwilton	41	...	...	11.3	...
303	263	Flogas	300	...	...	2.8	12.4
51	38	Folkes Group nv	44	...	1.5	4.3	...
126	94	French (Thomas)	95	...	...	4.8	18.8
264	205	Frost Group	233	...	...	2.0	23.2
88	77	GEI Int	80	-2	...	2.3	22.4
660	510½	GKN	601	-3	...	4.3	35.2
79	49	GR Hldgs	55	...	...	4.1	...
134	91	Garton Eng	127	...	...	4.6	...
191	112	Gestetner	112	...	...	2.7	...
66	49	[illegible]	60	...	...	3.2	38.2
725	520	Glaxo	591	+9	...	5.7	14.5
46	24	Glenchewton	24	...	...	...	26.5
404	321	Glynwed	326	-1	...	4.5	18.9
209	125	Goode Durrant	180	...	...	4.0	14.8
185	96	Grampian Hdg	96½	...	...	7.1	17.8
598	475	Granada	512	+4	...	2.2	20.2
85	71	Green (Ernest)	80	...	...	9.4	∞
15½	10½	Greenacre	10½	-½	...	4.0	13.9
85	61	Haden MacLn	71	-1	...	3.5	18.3
122	90	Hadleigh	119	...	...	2.1	13.9
76	59	Halkin Hldgs	64	...	...	...	30.0
330	143	Hall Eng	147	...	...	6.8	11.5
256	204	Halma	219	...	...	1.4	25.7
73	47	Hampson Ind	50½	-½	...	5.0	9.6
302	217½	Hanson	224½	+2½	...	6.7	20.1
161	122	Harris (Philip)	140	...	...	6.1	17.3
220	152	Harrisn Crsfld	162	+3	...	6.9	18.4
191	121	Havelock Euro	183	...	...	2.1	16.7
48	26	Hay (Norman)	26	-2	...	...	...
50	31	Headway	31	...	...	2.8	24.1
511	284	Hepworth	291	+1	...	6.4	16.6
285	130	Hewitt (J)	130	...	...	3.1	...
75	46	High-Point	46	...	...	1.4	...
184½	137	Hill & Smith	148	...	...	4.9	16.1
191	88	Holders Tech	95	...	...	7.9	10.3
63	39	Hopkinsons	53	+1	...	3.1	...
216	176	Hornby	180	...	...	6.2	15.7
103	78	Howden	85	...	...	3.6	13.6
292	234	Hozelock	246	...	...	3.0	17.5
265	159	Hunting	160	...	...	8.0	30.9
513	402	Huntleigh Tec	420	...	...	1.6	19.6
379	286	IMI	295	+6	...	4.3	25.1
138	110	ISA Intl	113	...	...	1.9	14.1
165	39	Intercare Gp	39	...	...	11.2	4.2
325	283	Isotron	284	...	...	2.1	∞
710	409½	Jardine Math	498½	+2½	...	2.8	11.8
628	488	Johnson Matth	554	...	...	2.6	22.1
51	35½	Johnson & FB	35½	-1½	...	1.2	...
294	149	Johnston	275	-2	...	2.0	33.0
32	25	Jones Shipman	30	...	...	...	...
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	30	...	...	4.2	29.3
191½	140	Kalon	140½	-½	...	3.9	13.3
315	230	Kelsey Ind	315	...	...	3.2	...
875	730	Kershaw (A)	865	...	...	4.0	39.8
276	163	Kleeneze	164	-2	...	0.8	36.4
444	340	Laird	341	...	...	4.0	16.1
170	145	Lilleshall	155	...	...	3.8	16.2
229	205	Linear	225	...	...	3.8	14.0
408	313	Linton Park	398	...	...	5.5	11.4
14	4½	Lionheart	5½	...	...	4.8	...
20½	15	Locker (T) A	15½	-½	...	1.6	∞
152½	74	Lon Ind	86	...	...	...	...
179½	124½	Lonrho	133½	+2	...	3.7	30.6
438	364	Low & Bonar	411	...	...	3.1	16.4
49	38	ML Hldgs	38	...	...	2.8	13.2
67	47	MS Intl	47	...	...	6.6	28.4
70	45	MY Holdings	56	+2	...	3.6	∞
271	233	Macfarlane	269	...	...	1.9	21.7
539	418	McKechnie	425	-1	...	4.4	15.3
127	100	McLeod Russel	109	...	...	7.0	17.0
104	69	Magnolia	69	...	...	0.2	...
179	129	Mang Bronze	145	...	...	3.4	∞
26½	18½	Marling	25	...	...	3.3	44.8
231	166	Mayborn	186	...	...	4.0	12.4
64	53	Mayflower	54	...	...	3.2	22.0
187	120	Medeva	174	+9	...	2.1	14.0
120	71½	Meggitt	72	-1	...	6.8	11.6
120	101	Metalrax	107	...	...	4.4	17.8
128	99	Metrotect	103	+1	...	4.2	13.9
133	99	Metsec	131	...	...	2.9	18.2
124	69	Midsumr	75	...	...	...	10.4
	3½	Middlesex Hlds	5½	...	...	...	...
589	539	Molins	539	...	...	3.7	10.8
408	310	Morgan Cble	310	-1	...	3.2	15.0
217	176	Morris Ashby	210	...	...	3.6	∞
51	34	Neepsend	36	...	...	4.3	16.8
80	42	Nestor-BNA	47	...	...	8.4	11.6
274	214	Nobo Gp	228	...	...	3.3	14.6
212½	119	Norcros	123	...	...	7.1	22.1
35	24	Novo Group	25	...	...	1.0	∞
64	48	OMI Intl	49	...	...	4.5	...
175	153	PCT	155	...	...	6.0	15.0
91	66	Pacer Systems	70	...	...	6.3	25.3
46	31	Pascoe's	40	...	...	...	...
123	84	Pentland	95½	-½	...	3.9	18.6
310	207	Photo-Me	230	...	...	2.6	24.0
208	162	Pilkington	193	+½	...	2.6	...
55	38	Plant & Gen	51	-1	...	4.4	∞
185	82	Plantsbrook	173	...	...	2.5	20.4
185	126	Polypipe	130	+2	...	2.2	∞
44	16	Porter Chadbrn	38	...	...	...	...
341	218	Powerscreen	296	...	...	3.1	13.2
23½	13½	Prospect Inds	14	-½	...	7.3	7.5
77	56	RPS Group	68	...	...	4.8	12.3
108	60	Radiant Metal	80	...	...	...	...
447½	355½	Rank Org	407½	+3½	...	3.9	26.3
71	13	Ransomes	39	-½	...	...	...
714½	528	Reckitt Colm	571	-2	...	4.0	14.4
95	70	Record	85	...	...	5.3	19.1
5½	3½	Reece	4	...	...	...	...
291	211	Relyon	259	...	...	2.6	47.3
309	268	Renishaw	295	-7	...	2.9	25.9
185	126	Renold	175	-1	...	1.8	24.3
539½	424	Reuters	447	-3	...	1.9	22.4
90	72	Rexmore	78	...	...	4.0	7.9
194	138	Ricardo Group	145	...	...	5.2	17.6
73	51	Richard (Leics)	51	...	...	5.5	36.5
104½	81	Richardson West	82	...	...	4.9	18.0
164	118½	Ropner	122	-3	...	7.7	13.8
24	7½	Ross Gp	9	...	...	2.8	...
195	157	Rotork	164	-2	...	3.4	16.7
190	137	Rubicon	137	...	...	4.2	15.5
103	62	Russell (A)	90	...	...	3.1	18.5
42	34½	SBP Intl	35	...	...	3.2	16.5
1459½	1071½	SKF 'B'	1153½	-9½	...	...	...
272	186	Scapa	205½	-2½	...	3.6	17.4
210	146	Scholl	150	...	...	5.3	14.4
295	242	Scotia	262	...	...	...	...
1543	1146	Securicor	1438	...	...	0.3	35.6
1069	785	Securicor 'A'	929	+1	...	0.4	23.0
892	606	Security Serv	743	...	...	1.0	23.5
150½	72	Senior Eng	80	...	...	9.3	13.0
367	291	Seton Health	359	+13	...	2.3	18.3
180	137½	Shiloh	145	-13	...	3.0	9.5
351½	192	Sidlaw	195	+1	...	7.1	9.7
630	500	Siebe	520	+1	...	2.6	16.7
378	194	Silentnight	231	-1	...	4.7	24.5
196	137	Sime Darby	161	-5	...	3.4	18.7
130½	75	Simon Eng	99½	-2½	...	...	...
244	174	Sinclair (Wm)	174	-1	...	5.1	13.4
82	35	Six Hundred	81	...	...	2.3	...
159½	136½	Smith & Neph	143	+2	...	4.4	15.8
467½	357½	SmithKline	401½	-4	...	3.9	13.5
421	322	SmithKline Uts	367½	-1½	...	4.2	14.3
527½	431	Smiths Ind	449	+1	...	3.7	16.9
104	41	Sthn Bus	49	...	...	9.5	7.6
280	155½	Spandex	250	...	...	1.2	30.1
443	337	Spirax-Sarco	440	...	...	2.8	18.7
81½	42½	Spring Ram	43½	...	...	1.4	...
267	197	Staveley	207	...	...	5.1	60.5
267	197	Sterling Ind	237	...	...	3.3	21.3
220	165	Suter	167	...	...	7.0	16.1
604	431	Swire Pacfc 'A'	442	+1½	...	2.0	∞
178	149	Sytone	161	+1	...	3.8	17.8
455	343	TI	351	-5	...	4.1	19.4
44	31	TLS Range	36	...	...	3.5	14.5
402	330	TT Group	355	+3	...	2.3	∞
202	192	Takare	227	-1	2.6	1.1	19.8
852½	656	Takeda Chem	748½	-6	...	0.8	14.1
121	92	Tinsley (E)	119	...	...	5.9	19.4
220	162	[illegible]	162	...	...	3.3	13.8
283	202	Tomkins	207	+4	...	4.5	13.3
134	74½	Trafalgar H	82½	+1	...	1.5	...
105	45	Transfer Tech	56	...	...	7.5	7.8
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	130	...	...	6.7	∞
313	256	UniChem	309	...	...	3.2	15.4
440	345	Unidare	305	...	...	3.5	16.6
54	33	Unigroup	37	+1	...	...	...
1247	958	Unilever	1119	+3	25.0	2.8	16.1
8118½	6406½	Unilever (NV)	7175½	-47½	...	3.0	14.6
19½	12	Utd Inds	15½	...	...	8.8	...
1328	980	VSEL	1323	+15	...	3.4	12.4
31½	12	Verson	13½	...	...	...	...
204	163	Vickers	166	-3	...	2.6	17.6
127	239	Victaulic	239	...	...	4.2	13.1
19	9½	Villiers Grp	11	...	...	...	...
522	451	Vinten	492	...	...	2.1	12.8
805	661	Vosper Thorny	705	...	...	3.2	15.3
65	37	WSP Hldgs	58	...	...	4.1	34.0
527	451	Wagon Ind	464	...	...	4.8	23.6
114	97	Walker Greenbk	105	+1	...	4.0	18.7
324	249½	Wassall	277	-2	...	1.6	23.8
63	44	Wrford Wdgwd	58	...	...	...	45.2
354½	246½	Weir	278	-2	...	3.0	16.6
731	498	Wellcome	622	...	...	3.5	14.1
220	193	Wellington Hdg	193	...	...	3.3	18.6
39½	37½	Wellman	38	...	...	3.0	62.0
400	294	West Hldhcare	364	...	...	1.5	∞
548	382	Whatman	382	-3	...	3.4	14.0
264	90	Whessoe	111	...	...	0.2	8.5
155½	93	Whitecroft	143	-2	...	1.7	22.6
13½	9½	Widney	10½	...	...	...	...
414½	322	Williams Hldg	342	+2	...	4.8	21.1
39½	39½	Wilshaw	59	...	...	1.3	24.3
975	705	Wolseley	747	+9	...	2.8	14.5
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	...	2.4	31.2
69	40	Wyko	67	...	...	0.9	∞
96	69	Young (H)	69	-1	...	6.0	73.8

INSURANCE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1403½	937½	Alex & Alex	1193½	-12½	...	5.6	...
2043½	1387½	Am Gen	1643½	+18½	...	4.3	...
86	47	Archer	56	...	...	2.1	...
165	85	Bradstock	94	...	...	7.4	10.8
550	370	Britannic	412	+5	...	3.9	...
117	89	CLM Insce	90	...	1.4	2.0	...
701½	481	Com Union	533	+9	...	5.9	20.1
1950	1663	Dom & Gen	1670	...	...	2.1	17.9
64	33	FAI	34	...	...	1.3	...
194	142	Fenchurch Gp	144	-1	...	6.2	12.0
757	529	Gen Accident	562	+6	...	6.2	9.1
247	161	GRE	185	+3	...	3.3	20.7
457	235	Heath C E	235	-3	...	8.5	...
323	239	Independent	253	-1	...	4.3	6.9
203	126	JIB Group	132	...	...	7.1	12.1
547	407	Legal & Gen	438	+5	...	5.9	17.4
1415½	965½	Liberty Life	1375	-3½	...	7.3	5.5
119	91	LIMIT	93	...	...	1.3	∞
471	322	Lloyds Abbey	344	+8	...	8.7	10.4
310	157	Lloyd Thomp	181	...	...	5.4	11.9
185	159	Lombard Ins	176	...	...	5.5	16.8
443	313	Londn & Man	330	+2	...	6.3	15.9
236	165	Lowndes Lmb	165	-2	...	5.7	10.4
5893½	4550½	Marsh McLn	4550½	-100	...	3.9	...
188	147	Nelson Hurst	174	...	...	4.0	17.6
129½	109	Oriel	113	...	...	5.5	∞
83	34	PWS	34	...	...	11.0	...
385	271	Prudential	342	+4	...	5.4	13.5
404	261	Refuge	275	...	...	5.1	20.2
350	232½	Royal	282	+2	...	4.0	7.1
222	139	Sedgwick	146	-3	...	5.1	16.5
155	104	Steel Burrill	113	...	...	10.0	...
87	54	Sturge Hldgs	76	...	...	4.9	...
418	285	Sun Alliance	322	+1	...	5.8	9.0
96	51	Trade Indemnity	59	...	...	1.9	13.1
464	332	Transatlantic	344	+9	...	4.4	31.1
673	460	Utd Friendly	480	-3	...	4.5	24.7
245	133	Willis Corroon	142	-4	...	5.8	13.7
28	20	Windsor	25	...	...	...	19.6



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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
336	280	3i	319	+2½	...	2.6	...
2098	1703	Alliance	1725	...	...	3.4	...
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	416	+3	...	2.1	...
161	117	BZW Conv	121	+½	...	8.1	∞
219	173	Bankers	183	+1½	...	2.7	...
381	311	Baring Tribne	320	...	...	2.6	...
248	198	Berry Starq	220	...	2.2	1.2	∞
120½	91	Br Assets	91½	+½	...	5.9	...
98	89	Br Empire Sec	90	...	...	1.3	...
46	31	Br Empire Wts	36	...	...	...	...
234	188	Br Inv	205	...	...	3.0	...
272	221	Brunner	233	+1	...	2.9	...
223	193	Contl Asset	194	...	...	1.9	...
173	147	Derby Inc	159	...	...	12.6	...
328	268	Derby Cap	288	...	...	...	...
100	73	Drayton Blue	75	...	...	14.0	...
111	84	Drytn Eng Intl	86	...	...	1.2	...
156	128	Drytn Far East	141	+3	...	0.6	...
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	620	+3	...	5.3	...
108	85	Dunedin Japan	87½	+½	...	...	...
80	39	Dunedin Wts	39½	...	...	...	...
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	305	...	...	3.7	...
827	725	Dunedin Wrlde	759	...	...	1.6	...
360	281	Edinburgh	299½	+1	...	3.7	...
354	286	Electra Inv	321	+1	...	2.8	...
220	185	Electric Gen	191	...	...	2.1	...
127	106	English Scot	108	...	...	...	...
345	286	European Asset	293	...	...	2.0	...
174	145	Fidlty Euro Val	152½	...	...	0.2	...
103½	85	Fidlty Jap Val	89½	+½	...	...	...
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	155	...	3.0	2.4	...
343	270½	Fleming Amer	280	...	...	0.5	...
145	75	Fleming Chinese	78	+1	...	...	...
92	36	Fleming Wts	38	+1	...	...	...
267	196	Fleming Claver	204	...	...	3.4	...
385	302½	Fleming Contl	312	+2	...	0.9	...
284	190	Fleming Enrp	202	-1	...	3.0	...
450	327	Fleming F East	359	+2½	1.5	0.5	...
422	350	Fleming Fledg	352	+2	...	1.1	...
120	89	Fleming Hi Inc	94	...	...	5.9	...
284	223	Fleming Japan	251	+1	...	...	...
347	269½	Fleming Merc	276	+3	...	3.0	...
347½	280½	Fleming Oseas	289	+1	...	1.8	...
155½	125½	Foreign & Col	131	+½	...	1.7	...
148	106½	Frgn Emg Mkts	125½	...	0.2	0.3	...
77	64½	Frgn Enterprise	70½	...	...	1.1	...
281	216	Frgn Eurotst	224	+1	...	0.7	...
145	114	Frgn German	115	...	...	0.5	...
374	307	Frgn Pacific	321	...	...	1.0	...
192	159½	Frgn Smaller	162½	+½	...	1.5	...
308	228	GT Japan	240	...	...	0.7	...
206	150	Genl Cons Cap	153	...	...	...	...
119½	103	Genl Inc	108	...	...	10.1	...
191	139	Govett Am Smlr	139	...	...	...	...
151	101	Gov Emg Mkts	119½	...	...	0.3	...
96½	80	Gov Glob Smlr	80	...	...	...	...
112	78	Govett High Inc	81	...	...	7.0	...
429	349	Govett Oriental	396	+2	...	0.4	...
346	231	Govett Strategic	232	+1	...	3.7	∞
475	410	Greenfriar	416	...	...	2.0	...
19	19	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
105	86	Herald	92	...	...	...	...
99	90	Int Biotech	90	...	...	...	...
50	38	Int Wts	37	...	...	...	...
158	122	Inv Cap	124	+1	...	5.2	...
119	94	IRS UK Smllr	101	-1	...	3.5	...
177	126	INVESCO Korea	158	-1	...	...	...
243	195	Kleinwort Chrt	199	+1½	...	3.2	...
88½	75½	Klnwrt Euro Prvt	77½	+½	...	...	...
49	27½	Klnwrt Euro Wts	29½	+½	...	...	...
272½	226	Klnwrt O'seas	227	+½	...	1.9	...
165	130	Klnwrt Smlr	130	...	...	3.0	...
826	672	Law Debenture	719	-1	...	3.4	...
227	190	Majedie	193	+2	...	3.5	∞
324	237	Merchants	258	+2	...	5.4	...
90	79½	Mercury Euro Pv	83½	+½	...	...	...
45	27½	Mercury Wts	29½	+½	...	...	...
125	98	Merc Wld Mg	109½	...	...	...	...
52½	35	Mercury Wld Wts	37	...	...	...	...
2587½	2087½	Merrill Lynch	2243½	+12½	...	1.7	...
595	492	Monks Inv Tst	513	+4	...	4.7	∞
158	127	Morg Gren Inc	130	...	...	...	...
64	43	Morg Wts	48	...	...	...	...
111	87	Morg Latn Amer	102½	+½	...	...	...
65	39	Morg Wts	59½	...	...	...	...
148	109	Murray Ent	113	...	...	2.2	...
58	33	Murray Wts	33	...	...	...	...
68	54	Murray Euro	59	...	...	0.6	...
23½	16	Murray Wts	17	...	...	...	...
393	317	Murray Income	322	+2	...	4.6	...
395	319	Murray Intl	328	+½	...	4.8	...
548	424	Murray Small	479	+3	...	1.1	...
97	82	Murray S/C Inc	86	...	...	15.0	...
174	135	Murray S/C Cap	145	...	...	...	...
3400	2850	Murray S/C Uts	2850	...	...	...	...
162	133	Murray S/C DF	158	-½	...	4.7	∞
303	302½	Murray Vent	305	...	...	8.7	...
95	61	Nthng Inc	62	...	...	1.3	∞
404	333	O'seas Inv Tst	349	+2	...	...	...
241	179	O'seas Wts	202	...	...	0.3	...
640½	433	Pacific Assets	521	+3	...	...	...
542	335	Pacific Wts	419	+4	...	...	...
9400	7900	Personal Assets	8700	...	19.5	2.8	...
189	164½	RIT Cap Ptnr	175	...	...	1.1	...
127	112½	River & Merc	114	...	...	10.1	...
449	405	Robeco	405	...	...	3.1	...
463	415	Rolinco	415	...	...	1.9	...
343	290	St Andrew Inv	305	...	...	3.2	...
183	150½	Scot American	155½	+1	...	3.9	...
368	238	Scot Asian	286	...	...	...	...
1070	663	Scot Wts	808	...	...	...	...
97½	77	Scot Eastern	79½	+½	...	2.5	...
262½	208	Scottish	213	+1	...	2.9	∞
264½	205	Scottish Mtge	219	-½	...	2.4	...
133½	104	Scottish Value	104	...	...	2.3	...
1795	1515	Second Allnce	1530	+4	...	3.4	∞
106	77½	Secs Tst of Scot	80	+½	...	5.1	...
179	148	Selective Asset	154	...	...	1.2	...
51½	35	Sphere Inv	35	-½	...	9.0	...
205	149	TR Far East	160	+1	...	4.1	...
177½	137½	TR City Of Lon	141½	+½	...	4.6	...
124½	86	TR Pacific	116	+2	...	0.2	...
43½	32	TR Property	32½	...	...	3.5	...
152	106	TR Tech Inv	107	+1	...	2.0	...
228	182	TR Smlr Cos	183	...	...	2.6	...
412	310	Temple Bar	330	...	...	3.2	...
135	102	Throgmtn Asian E	106	+1	...	0.6	...
101	71½	Throgmorton	72	-½	...	4.0	...
568	468	Throg Dual Cp	505	...	...	...	...
289	233	USDC Invest	240	...	...	2.3	...
120	108½	Value Inc Tst	111½	+1	...	4.8	...
257½	205	Witan	224½	+½	...	3.2	...

LEISURE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
578½	417	Airtours	423	-5	...	2.7	14.7
46½	18	Akt Leis	18	...	...	...	...
177	144	Alpha Airpts	152	...	...	3.3	...
200	100	BS Group	183	...	...	2.0	...
131	85	Baldwin	113	...	...	3.9	19.4
333	267	Barr & W 'A'	289	-1	...	4.2	12.4
365	231	Boosey Hwks	342	...	...	1.9	20.2
205	133	Border TV	184	...	...	2.7	15.4
7½	3	Brent Walker	3½	...	...	...	...
7½	2½	Buckingham Int	2½	...	...	...	...
74	35	Campari	35	...	...	...	...
439	328	Capital Radio	342	-1	...	2.3	30.2
1047	797	Carlton Comm	850	+8	...	2.9	18.8
247	114	Chrysalis	231	...	3.2	1.8	...
374	305	Compass Gp	317	+1	...	2.7	18.7
290	232	Eurocamp	267	-2	9.9	4.6	11.0
213	78	Euro Disney	82	...	...	...	...
4	2½	Euro Leisure	2½	...	...	...	...
455	308	Fairline Boats	435	...	...	3.4	30.3
131	81	First Choice	113	-1	...	3.9	...
350	259	First Leisure	289	-1	...	3.2	17.2
485	309	Flextech	482	-2	...	...	...
1033	675	GWR Gp	883	...	...	1.5	32.3
356	228	Grampian	336	...	...	2.8	18.0
172	106	HTV Group	146	...	...	1.5	32.6
96	36	Hi-Tec Sports	41	-1	...	8.5	6.0
18½	11½	Kunick	14	...	...	...	...
263	200	London Clubs	248	...	...	6.1	12.5
702	539	Man Utd	645	...	...	4.1	∞
15	13½	My Kinda Town	13½	...	...	...	...
67	34	Northern	61	...	...	6.4	9.8
102	65½	The Pelican Gp	94	-1	...	1.5	∞
183	125	Prism Leisure	125	...	...	4.2	4.8
43	28	Quadrant Grp	30	...	...	...	...
278	205	Ramsdens (R)	260	...	...	2.2	39.1
628	395	Scot Radio	585	...	...	2.2	22.8
574	355	Scot TV	439	...	...	3.6	29.5
40½	21½	SelecTV	22½	...	...	...	...
350	295½	Stanley Leisure	324	...	...	2.0	18.3
153	125	Sunset & Vine	129	-1	...	4.0	∞
345½	280	Tempus	280	...	...	0.7	15.7
167	75	Tottenham Hot	118	-9	...	1.1	31.7
760	518	Ulster TV	708	...	...	2.9	21.8
152	128	VCI	151	...	...	1.7	13.5
149	112	Vardon	125	...	...	1.2	22.1
396	150	Yorkshire TV	394	...	...	...	...
149	110	Zetters Gp	137	...	...	7.8	∞

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3762½	2509½	Ang Am	3625	-6½	...	1.9	34.9
3550	1762½	Ang Am Coal	2468½	...	...	2.6	18.8
7331½	4892½	Ang Am Gold	7298½	+9½	...	3.2	22.1
36	25	Anglo Pac Res	25½	...	...	...	...
1512½	1196½	Ashanti	1318½	+3½	...	...	...
404	275	Bakyrchik	289	-1	...	...	...
184	90½	Blyvoors	160½	+1½	...	...	...
37	17½	Bracken	19	...	...	4.6	...
898	580½	Buffels	771	-2½	...	6.9	∞
6	2½	Burne	2½	...	...	...	...
968	745½	CRA	857	+20	...	2.4	28.0
55½	36	Cluff Res	45½	...	...	...	...
143	28½	Coal Inv	107	...	...	...	...
1750	1318½	De Beers	1537½	...	...	3.4	16.6
148	88	Deelkraal	121	+2½	...	2.9	10.8
101½	30½	Doornfontein	88	-½	...	...	...
1036½	665½	Driefontein	1022½	+4½	...	4.1	15.3
941½	549½	Durban	919½	-2½	...	...	...
209½	107	E Rand Gold	173½	-½	...	11.6	5.8
122½	39½	E Rand Prop	87½	-½	...	...	...
513	300½	Elandsrand	507½	-1½	...	3.1	12.0
1239	741½	ES Cons	1072½	-11	...	2.3	12.5
82	27	ES Dev	82	...	...	...	...
1975	1193½	GFSA	1925	...	...	1.5	29.2
233½	108½	Gencor	232	+3½	...	1.1	28.6
80½	57½	GM Kalgoorli	67½	-1	...	2.3	22.4
22	14	Greenwich R 'A'	19½	+½	...	...	...
202	165½	Grootvlei	181½	-½	...	5.7	9.8
680½	319½	Harmony	643	-5	...	...	...
430	268½	Hartbees	334	-9	...	8.4	10.0
1512½	831½	Impala Plat	1471½	+3½	...	1.7	46.4
1315½	840½	Kinross	1159½	-3½	...	4.1	16.4
1094½	566½	Kloof	1072½	-3½	...	2.9	11.4
137	69½	Leslie	120½	-½	...	8.7	7.2
368½	176½	Loraine	305½	-7	...	...	...
1137½	687½	Lydenburg	1137½	...	...	2.0	...
162	118	MIM	132	+3	...	1.7	...
1792½	1006½	Minorco	1690	+12½	...	2.1	∞
201½	149½	Nth Brkn Hill	172	+2	...	2.9	26.5
905	730	RTZ	855	+8	...	3.0	24.4
500	187½	Rand Mines	462½	...	...	2.4	∞
840½	547½	Randfontein	697½	-2	...	7.3	8.6
295	207	Renison	235	...	...	...	...
1809½	1078½	Rustenbg	1778½	+6½	...	1.6	∞
756	539½	St Helena	709	-2½	...	4.1	∞
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	1978½	-6½	...	4.3	23.4
143	73	Stilfontein	120½	-½	...	17.4	4.1
261½	90	Unisel	221½	-½	...	2.6	17.3
7600	4943½	Vaal Reefs	6550	...	...	3.8	18.9
1213½	508½	Western Areas	1202½	-21½	...	5.8	11.5
3575	2060	Western Deep	3471½	-9½	...	2.9	12.3
398	307½	Wstrn Mining	381	+9	...	1.0	61.7
1225	603½	Winkels	993½	-3½	...	4.7	14.2
66	47	Zambia Copper	47	...	...	...	...
68	48	Zandpan	61	...	...	8.7	12.3

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	233	Abbey Panels	345	...	...	3.3	22.9
156	108	Airflow Stream	154	...	...	6.0	21.2
175	117	Appleyard	120	...	...	5.1	10.6
405	258	Bletchley Mtr	258	+3	...	2.5	16.9
308	180	Boston	297	...	...	2.4	41.5
584	390	Br Aerospace	473	+6	...	6.9	10.5
57	36	Burndene	36	...	...	5.3	18.2
465	270	Caffyns	270	-5	...	1.5	12.4
22	12½	Clarendale	12½	-½	...	4.8	23.5
130	95	Central Mtr	95	-3	...	3.3	11.7
51	32½	Cook (DC)	38	...	...	...	...
348	201	Cowie	213	+1	...	4.8	10.4
192½	127	Dag Motors	140	...	...	5.8	16.1
158	113	Davnprt Vern	155	...	...	2.6	15.5
332	225	ERF	323	...	...	0.8	...
234	202	Eurodollar	205	...	...	3.2	16.1
173	106	European Mtr	110	...	...	4.8	11.5
539½	395	Evans Halshaw	404	-2	...	4.4	12.7
310	235	FR Group	306	-1	...	3.2	15.3
2359½	1687½	Ford Motor	1787½	...	...	...	...
4362½	2487½	General Mtr	2492½	-43½	...	2.0	...
90	60	Gowrings	73	...	...	3.4	22.2
342½	266½	Hanks	272	...	...	3.4	14.6
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1062	+3	...	0.4	...
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	58	...	...	...	13.4
184	145	Kwik-Fit	158	+7	...	3.2	18.1
573	335	Lex Service	337	+1	...	3.0	12.9
282	152	Lookers	190	...	...	4.5	11.8
239	158	Lucas	192	...	...	4.6	...
39½	24	Mahya Grp	24	...	...	1.3	...
310	232	Pendragon	239	+3	...	3.9	15.7
238	165	Perry Gp	165	...	...	5.3	9.0
218	141	Quicks Group	141	...	...	4.7	14.8
304	161	Rolls-Royce	171	...	...	3.7	30.2
261	203	T & N	207	-3	...	6.6	18.0
333	263	Trinity Hldgs	310	-1	...	2.6	22.3
221	158	Yardy (Reg)	158	...	...	3.6	14.9

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	198	Adscene	288	-2	...	1.8	21.6
345	330	Black (A&C)	335	...	...	5.0	12.1
402	213	Blenheim Gp	230	...	...	5.2	9.3
413	365	Bristol	376	...	...	4.1	26.0
1690	1100	Daily Mail	1381½	...	...	1.4	32.3
1484½	868½	Daily Mail 'A'	1012½	...	...	1.9	23.7
314	260	Dorling Kind	289½	...	...	1.4	∞
641	538	Elsevier	612½	-9	...	3.1	19.9
489	355	EMAP	356	-1	...	2.0	22.1
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1726	...	...	2.0	30.6
194	32	Harrington K	43	...	...	2.9	∞
515	328	Haynes Pub	388	-2	...	2.9	21.4
408	333	Hodder H'line	333	...	...	2.8	20.2
180	120	Home Counts	175	...	...	3.6	42.9
237	161	Ind Bus Comm	218	...	...	2.0	10.6
15	8	Int Cm & Data	10½	...	...	...	...
340	279	Independent	285	...	...	2.7	9.7
669	551	Johnstone Press	630	...	...	1.5	22.8
110	43	MAID	52	...	...	...	78.9
492	338	Metal Bulletin	476	...	...	2.9	24.7
177½	130	Midland Ind	130	-5	...	2.7	17.8
203	123	Mirror Gp	163	-1½	...	0.9	7.6
514½	364	News Corp	399	+4	...	0.4	25.3
314	226	News Intl	247	...	...	0.7	13.1
735	552	Pearson	613	+18	...	2.7	21.1
760	610	Portsmth Sund	610	-7	...	2.2	15.1
964	722	Reed Int	747	+6	...	3.3	22.6
249	187	Southnews	227	...	...	1.8	28.8
200	138	Sterling Pub	138	...	...	3.3	11.8
622	310	Telegraph	340	+4	...	4.8	12.0
885	695	Thomson Corp	725	...	30.1	5.2	30.2
472	389	Trinity Intl	389	...	...	3.2	17.9
45	18½	Unit Group	35	...	...	...	...
737	479	Utd Newspaprs	508	+3	...	5.6	12.3

OILS, GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
39½	24½	Aran Energy	39	...	...	...	23.6
53	35	Arcon Intl	43	...	...	...	...
74½	59	Aus Oil & Gas	60½	+½	...	...	...
67	43	Aviva Pet	53	+2	...	...	...
9	6	Beverley	6½	...	...	...	...
249	197	Br Borneo	212	...	...	4.2	10.0
358	253	British Gas	284½	+4	...	6.4	...
430	340	Br Petroleum	413½	+2	...	2.8	22.8
4	1½	Bula Resources	3	-½	...	...	...
919	811	Burmah Castrl	840	+2	...	4.1	16.7
84	56	Cairn Energy	80	...	...	...	44.1
375	258	Calor Gp	264	-2	...	5.6	13.4
51	33	Clyde Pet	39	-1	...	1.1	...
30	12	Coplex Res	14	+1½	...	...	...
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	1½	...	...	...	...
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gs	21	...	...	...	22.7
486	370	Enterprise	380	+5	...	5.3	...
26½	21	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	...	5.4	4.2
8½	4½	Fortune	5½	...	...	...	...
77	54	Goal Pet	66	...	...	2.7	21.9
47	31	Gt Western Res	43½	...	...	...	...
177	137	Hardy O & G	147	...	...	0.9	18.8
55	40	Kelt Energy	50	...	...	3.3	...
169	110½	Lasmo	149	+½	...	0.8	...
73	52	Lasmo Units	52	...	7.8	18.8	...
75	55	Monument	69	...	...	...	73.7
7½	3½	New London	4	...	...	...	...
50	36	Oil Search	44	+½	...	...	...
50½	17½	Perrol	39	...	...	...	∞
160	148	Pict Pet	148	-4	...	...	14.3
111	85	Pittencrieff Rs	92	...	...	...	...
37½	21½	Premier	27	...	...	5.4	...
158	113	Presidio	118	...	...	0.3	...
282	129	Ramco Egy	134	+20	...	5.2	...
463	325	Ranger	375	+3½	...	4.0	18.2
7700	6681½	Royal Dtch Fl	6865½	-87½	...	2.1	...
4044½	3327½	Schlumberger	3425½	...	...	...	...
67	30	Seafield	46	...	...	...	...
758	651	Shell	712½	+½	...	4.4	21.6
187	128	Sunrise Eng Sv	128	+½	...	1.8	...
237	178½	Woodside	195	+5	...	...	...
110	28	XCL	75	...	...	...	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	138	AG Holdings	139	...	...	4.7	12.8
444	355	API	395	...	...	3.8	22.3
316	237	Arjo Wiggins	263	...	...	3.1	39.6
365	270	Abbott Mead	346	...	...	2.1	31.3
33	17½	Aegis Gp	25½	...	...	...	...
205	145	Aspen Cms	165	...	...	3.8	18.8
26	15	BBB Design	15	...	...	...	7.7
472	370	Bemrose	371	...	...	4.2	13.3
13½	6½	Bickdale	6½	...	...	...	...
186	139	Bunzl	164	+3	...	3.1	19.3
169	117	CIA Gp	135	...	...	1.6	21.8
108	120	Capital Inds	165	-2	...	3.4	12.9
99	78	City of Lon	85	...	...	6.6	12.7
430	287	Cropper (James)	297	...	...	1.5	14.8
114	78	Delyn Group	83	...	...	2.5	15.1
137	103	Dolphin Pack	104	...	...	5.4	13.4
83	66	Dudley Jenkins	66	...	...	6.2	14.6
17½	12	Elswick	16½	...	...	2.5	17.9
101	75	Fairway Group	84	-2	...	8.1	16.7
430	302	Ferguson Intl	344	...	...	4.7	14.5
145	122	Ferry Pick	123	...	...	5.8	...
227	186	Filofax	202	...	...	1.1	20.0
17½	8	Fitch	12	...	...	...	...
149	132	Gibbon Lyons	139	...	...	4.0	11.0
275	171	Gold Greenless	175	...	...	3.8	21.1
31	23	Goodhead	25	...	...	0.3	...
3	3	Hunterprint	3½	...	...	...	...
162	121	Intereurope	121	-4	...	8.2	∞
283	248	Jarvis Porter	282	...	...	2.3	20.3
33½	20½	Lopex	21	...	...	1.5	23.7
431	344	More O'Ferrall	351	...	...	4.7	20.3
428	320	Osborne & Little	420	-21	...	1.9	15.6
60	31	Ospry Comms	31	...	...	0.4	...
820	513	Portals	709	-3	...	2.9	10.1
3	1½	Premier Hlth	1½	...	...	...	...
390	253	Quarto	253	...	...	3.0	13.8
412	314	St Ives Gp	320	+4	...	2.5	∞
178	137	Saatchi	157	+1	...	...	30.6
1111	464½	Sappi	1030½	-3½	...	0.5	...
30½	14½	Seiff	14½	...	...	...	...
37	20½	Shandwick	47	...	...	1.1	7.1
573	398	Smith David	516	-2	...	2.6	23.0
420½	274½	Smurfit (Jeff)	355	-3	...	1.6	50.4
119	82	Sonic	82	...	...	3.6	8.8
284	183	Sun-Plus	183	...	...	6.2	17.4
40½	29½	Taylor Nelson	37	...	...	2.1	22.2
161	115	VTR	128	...	...	3.9	20.3
36½	23½	WMGO	23½	...	...	2.7	11.5
129	63½	WPP	109	-4	...	1.2	15.6
270	182	Wace	226	+1	...	2.2	14.4
291	209	Waddington (J)	223	...	...	4.8	10.9
511	365	Watmough	386	...	...	2.2	24.4
45	29	Whitney Mck	38	...	...	...	...
132	98	Wyndeham	129	...	...	2.2	18.7

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	94	Allied Lon	95	...	...	5.3	11.8
48	36	Arcadian	40	...	...	...	...
276	253	Argent	282	-1	...	...	...
10½	1½	Ascot Hldgs	2	...	...	...	...
144	105	Asda	117	...	...	2.4	20.8
191	113	Avonside	118	...	...	4.7	13.9
382½	238	Bilton	244	-1	...	5.0	17.7
108	72	Bourne End	80	-3	...	1.2	...
276	183	Bradford	183	-2	...	4.7	12.7
474	360	Br Land	382	-1	...	2.5	33.5
137	116	Brightstone	116	...	...	4.0	26.3
276	177	Brixton	183	-1	...	5.5	16.3
118	86½	Burford	90	...	...	2.2	29.2
112	98	CLS Hldgs	99	...	...	6.2	...
207½	129½	Cap & Regnl	137½	...	...	1.5	31.1
229	191	Cap Shop Ctrs	207	...	...	3.9	49.8
285	223	Cardiff Prop	223	...	...	1.4	49.9
185	152	Chelsfield	160	...	...	1.9	54.3
678	499	Chesterfield	499	...	...	3.2	21.7
112	89	Chesterton Int	89	-5	...	4.6	12.5
94	36	City Site Ests	63	...	...	...	...
12½	6½	Clarke Nickolls	7	...	...	1.8	14.6
87½	71½	Compco	77½	...	...	6.3	∞
56	30	Conrad Rhlst GS	34	...	...	1.8	29.7
1785	1328	Daejan	1330	...	...	2.7	15.5
25½	5	Dares Estates	8½	...	...	4.4	16.0
126	98½	Debenham Twsn	98½	...	...	...	...
17	4	De Morgan	4	...	...	...	...
189	161	Dencora	164	...	...	2.5	46.1
349½	244	Derwent Hldgs	245	...	...	2.4	21.7
42	21	Development Sec	23	...	...	0.5	...
51	45	Dwyer	46	...	...	...	...
460	275	Estates Agency	325	...	...	4.0	39.3
47	18	Estates Gen	24	+½	...	...	...
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	111	...	...	2.8	19.4
43½	24	Ex-Lands	27½	...	...	1.9	...
80	65	Fiscal Prop	65	...	...	1.2	...
37	27½	Five Oaks	34	+½	...	1.0	...
78	45	Fletcher King	45	...	...	4.2	22.3
536	407	Frogmore	432	...	...	4.9	15.6
325	228	Grainger	253	...	...	3.0	∞
260	174	Gt Portland	179	+1	...	5.6	34.1
226½	118	Greycoat	122	...	...	...	...
187½	144½	HK Land	157½	+4½	...	4.0	∞
94	35	Hambro Cntyw	45	...	...	0.7	45.7
435	311	Hammerson	336	-1	...	3.7	33.7
390	298	Helical Bar	343	-1	...	2.2	12.3
40½	29½	Hemingway	33	...	...	1.7	51.5
28	24	Herring Baker	25	...	...	4.8	...
311½	135½	Jermyn	147	+7	...	...	23.6
702	588	Land Sec	608	-1½	...	5.0	17.0
122	86	Lon Merch Sec	97	...	...	5.4	14.3
16	7½	Lon & Metro	7½	-½	...	...	0.4
562	409	MEPC	426	-2	...	5.9	24.5
13½	6	McInerney A	6½	+½	...	...	...
190	164	McKay Secs	181	...	...	3.6	17.9
85	59	Marylebone Mre	68	...	...	3.7	10.4
55	37	Molesfield Est	34	...	...	3.7	...
1425	1159½	Mountview	1199½	...	...	2.4	11.5
196	144	Mucklow (AJ)	149	...	...	5.4	19.4
59	20	OEM	21	...	...	...	...
54	34	Olives Prop	34	...	...	...	12.7
2½	0½	ORB	0½	...	...	...	...
191	145	PSIT	145	...	...	4.0	20.5
399	241	Peel	242	...	...	2.3	∞
162	142	Pillar Prop	148	+3	...	3.1	...
12½	3	Power Corp	3	...	...	...	...
11	4½	Premier Land	5½	...	...	...	...
53	32	Raglan	33	...	...	...	12.1
40	24	Regalian	24	...	...	...	9.1
180	140	Rowlinson Secs	170	...	...	1.3	10.8
134	106	Rugby Est	107	...	...	2.6	...
64	45	St Modwen Prp	51½	...	...	2.9	12.8
78	59	Saville Grdn (J)	67	...	...	5.0	19.5
	61	Savills	62	...	...	4.5	10.0
108	78	Scot Met	78	...	...	3.3	8.9
136	90	Shaftesbury	99	...	...	...	...
307	219	Slough Estates	226	+1	...	4.5	47.9
105	56	Southend Prop	60	...	...	5.0	...
133	105	Speciality Shops	107	...	...	2.8	...
50	10	Stanhope Prps	13	+1	...	...	...
39	34	TBI	39½	...	...	...	1.9
244	167	Tops Ests	168	...	...	1.6	40.0
163	116	Town Centre	122	...	...	4.0	∞
107	82	Trafford Park	87	...	...	4.5	∞
58	48	UK Land	48	...	...	...	...
317	228	Warner	234	...	...	6.2	21.5
260	218	Warnford	225	...	...	4.4	18.4
7½	1½	Waterglade	2	...	...	...	...
103½	63	Wates	63½	...	...	...	...
105	68	Wood John D	71	...	...	3.5	∞

SHOES, LEATHER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagic	37	...	...	...	...
173	163	Chamb Philips	173	...	...	5.3	22.7
202½	132	Lambert	134	...	...	6.4	12.7
75	53	Pittards	68	...	...	3.3	...
28	19	Strong & Fisher	20	...	...	6.2	13.7
181½	151½	Stylo	165	...	...	2.0	11.1
69	47	UK Safety	48	+1	...	6.8	11.8

TEXTILES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	486	Allied Text	504	-1	...	3.2	15.5
71	40	Beckman (A)	40	...	...	11.2	∞
39½	15½	Bolton Gp	17	...	...	...	...
228	171	Br Mohair	189	...	...	5.3	20.5
385	282	Claremont Ga	317	...	...	3.0	17.6
595	451	Courtauld Text	455	+2	...	3.8	21.3
199½	119	Dawson	136	-2	...	2.8	...
42	28	Drummond	29	...	...	...	12.0
80	72	Faupel	74	-1	...	8.3	12.5
28	18	Foster (John)	19	...	...	...	...
168	113	Gaskell	148	...	...	3.7	...
39	25½	Helene Plc	27½	...	...	9.1	11.3
263	222	Hicking Pntcst	231	...	...	2.5	16.4
73	55	Jerome (S)	60	...	...	1.7	7.6
485	333	Lamont	359	-2	...	4.5	11.8
340	269	Leeds	279	...	...	2.7	14.2
101	68	Lyles (S)	83	...	...	5.4	8.4
266	171	Parkland	172	+1	...	3.6	10.2
112	77	Readicut	80	...	...	5.4	13.7
70	46	SEET	46	-7	...	...	...
146	98	Sirdar	98	...	...	6.9	14.2
64	50	Stirling Gp	60	...	...	4.0	16.6
46	35	Stoddard	34	...	...	5.9	12.8
330	214	Tomkinsons	214	...	...	6.7	20.2
287	230	Yorklyde	230	...	...	2.9	13.0

TOBACCOS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	372	BAT	432	+15	...	6.0	11.3
480	337	Rothmans	405	+7	...	4.1	21.6

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	272	+1	...	2.3	21.7
541½	440	BAA	503	+11	...	2.2	21.4
128	103½	Badgerline	119	...	...	4.3	...
495½	344	Br Airways	355½	-10½	...	3.9	11.1
108	75	Clarkson (H)	93	...	...	2.4	25.4
592½	195	Eurotunnel Utr	228	+10	...	...	...
87	50	Fisher (James)	50	...	...	...	...
155	126½	[illegible]	134	+2	...	4.1	10.2
63	39	Jacobs (J)	57	...	...	3.6	...
111	87	Lon O'Seas Frts	87	...	...	5.3	2.1
534	380	Mersey Docks	389	-1	...	3.0	18.8
347	245	Natl Express	304	-3	...	3.2	17.5
291	157	NFC	179	-3	...	4.9	27.5
348	246	Ocean Group	261	...	...	6.9	13.2
91	58	Ocean Wilsons	68	...	...	6.0	8.6
743	587	P & O Dfd	643	+11	...	6.2	19.0
202	153	P & O 5.5%	201	...	...	3.4	...
705	538	Powell Duffryn	538	...	...	5.5	15.3
102	84	Seacon	96	...	...	3.0	21.8
218	158	Stagecoach	218	...	...	2.4	21.7
131	80½	TNT	108	+1	...	...	...
915	703	Tibbet & Britn	715	...	...	2.6	16.3
79	27	Tiphook	38	+1	...	...	...
327	192	TDG	212	+2	...	5.6	14.2
136	98	Ugland	134	...	...	0.7	∞
180	95	Utd Carriers	103	...	...	1.9	...

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian	535	+11	...	5.3	13.9
365	293	Mid Kent Hdgs	325	...	...	4.6	11.0
751	506	Northumbrian	678	...	...	4.5	7.3
611	454	North West	552	+10	...	5.2	8.2
645	457	Severn Trent	558	+15	...	5.1	7.8
682	466	Southern	591	+3	...	4.9	8.5
1740	1525	South Staffs	1725	...	...	3.8	11.5
675	494	South West	582	...	...	6.1	7.7
611	434½	Thames	510	+8	...	5.4	8.9
744	546	Welsh	628	+7	...	5.1	6.9
799½	551	Wessex	606	-3	...	4.8	8.0
630	458	Yorkshire	530	+4	...	5.4	7.8

Source: Pinstar

● USM. # Price at suspension. † Ex dividend. ‡ Ex scrip. † Ex rights issue. ‡ Ex all. § Ex capital distribution. ∞ Figures or report awaited. ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
103	100	Treas 9% 1994	100	.	8.97	...
107	101	Treas 12% 1995	101	...	11.83	5.77
98	97	Gas 3% 1990-95	98	..	3.04	5.75
107	102	Exch 10¼% 1995	102	-	10.00	6.60
113	105	Treas 12¾% 1995	105	...	12.06	6.92
117	107	Treas 14% 1996	107	+	12.98	7.12
121	110	Treas 15¼% 1996	111	+	13.74	7.43
117	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	108	+	12.24	7.51
112	103	Conv 10% 1996	103	+	9.64	7.94
121	110	Treas 13¼% 1997	110	+	12.02	8.11
114	104	Exch 10½% 1997	104	+	10.01	8.09
110	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	100	+	8.67	8.33
131	116	Exch 15% 1997	116	+	12.83	8.46
114	102	Exch 9¾% 1998	103	+	9.45	8.56
106	95	Treas 7¼% 1998	96	...	7.54	8.55
102	93	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	94	...	7.13	8.55
131	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	115	..	12.09	8.75
140	122	Treas 15½% 1998	122	...	12.66	8.63
125	110	Exch 12% 1998	110	+	10.82	8.74
116	101	Treas 9½% 1999	102	+	9.28	8.72

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
101	88	Treas 6% 1999	89	+	6.60	8.69
128	111	Exch 12¼% 1999	112	+	10.89	8.80
121	105	Treas 10½% 1999	106	+	9.80	8.76
121	104	Conv 10¼% 1999	105	+	9.69	8.92
116	99	Conv 9% 2000	100	+	8.91	8.75
136	116	Treas 13% 2000	117	...	11.00	8.93
106	88	Treas 7% 2001	90	+	7.73	8.84
122	103	Treas 10% 2001	105	...	9.52	8.92
123	102	Treas 9¾% 2002	104	+	9.33	8.92
113	92	Treas 8% 2003	94	+	8.43	8.85
127	104	Treas 10% 2003	106	+1	9.38	8.91
129	109	Treas 11½% 2001-04	111	+	10.33	9.17
86	69	Fund 3½% 1999-04	73	+	4.85	7.60
105	84	Treas 6¾% 2004	86	+	7.79	8.76
125	101	Conv 9½% 2004	104	+	9.13	8.86
125	102	Conv 9½% 2005	104	+	9.11	8.85
143	118	Treas 12½% 2003-05	120	+	10.40	9.16
111	91	Treas 8% 2002-06	93	+	8.51	8.80
112	90	Treas 7¾% 2006	92	+	8.37	8.75
136	112	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	114	+	10.26	9.17
119	95	Treas 8½% 2007	98	+	8.67	8.73
151	124	Treas 13½% 2004-08	126	+	10.64	9.16
124	99	Treas 9% 2008	102	+	8.82	8.71

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
115	91	Treas 8% 2009	93	+	8.51	8.70
126	103	Conv 9% 2011	105	+1	8.76	8.66
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	103	+1	8.74	8.64
99	71	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73	+	7.51	8.40
114	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	91	+1	8.44	8.55
117	92	Treas 8% 2013	94	+1	8.48	8.58
159	126	Exch 12% 2013-17	128	+1	9.30	8.81
129	99	Treas 8¾% 2017	101	+1	8.62	8.57

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
54	39	War Ln 3½%	40	+	8.62	...
37	27	Treas 2½%	28	+	8.81	...

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
203	197	Treas IL 2% 1996	199	+	2.76	4.17
113	106	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107	+	2.83	3.66
176	163	Treas IL 2½% 2001	165	+	3.43	3.88
173	159	Treas IL 2½% 2003	161	+	3.53	3.88
116	107	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	107	...	3.59	3.92
184	165	Treas IL 2% 2006	167	+	3.63	3.89
168	149	Treas IL 2½% 2009	151	+	3.67	3.90
175	154	Treas IL 2½% 2011	156	+	3.69	3.89
149	126	Treas IL 2½% 2013	128	+	3.72	3.90
157	134	Treas IL 2½% 2016	135	+	3.75	3.92
152	128	Treas IL 2½% 2020	131	+	3.78	3.92
129	106	Treas IL 2½% 2024	109	+	3.76	3.90
128	105	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	108	+	3.80	3.94

Broadgate Properties assets top £1bn

BY CARL MORTISHED

THE value of the assets of Broadgate Properties, the company that owns the prized Broadgate and Exchange office complexes in the City of London, has risen above £1 billion. The company also announced a surge into the black in the year to June 30, with profits of £28.8 million, compared with a £72.5 million loss last year.

The boost to the value of Broadgate's assets helped to increase shareholder investment in the company from £148 million to £232 million, but the uplift may not be enough to satisfy lenders to Stanhope Properties, which owns a 50 per cent stake.

Broadgate Properties yesterday said the value of its fixed assets rose in the year by 11 per cent to just above £1 billion. During the year, the company let 295,000 sq ft of space and has let another 98,000 since the year-end. New tenants include JP Morgan and Hill Samuel, the merchant banks.

Stanhope owes its bankers, led by Barclays, more than £140 million and needs to repay or renegotiate the loans by December 19. The company's main asset is its share of Broadgate, which is now valued at £116 million, an investment coveted by British Land, which owns a 29 per cent stake in Stanhope.

The new figures on the value of Broadgate show, however, that Stanhope's creditors could still be out of pocket, even if Broadgate fetched its full £1 billion value in a sale.

Stanhope said yesterday that restructuring talks were continuing with its bankers and other parties. "There isn't anything firm to announce," David Camp, a director, said.

Broadgate's rise into profit was mainly caused by the release of provisions made in previous years against developments. The figures included £25 million of writebacks and £4 million of property sale profits. Operating income fell from £67 million to £57 million, largely due to disposals, which have cut rents. Sales included 175 Bishopsgate, the EBRD headquarters, and 100 Ludgate Hill. These disposals brought in £199 million. Interest payable fell from £90 million to £62 million.

Excluding shareholder loans, Broadgate is financed with a £700 million facility, ringfenced from its shareholders. Potential investors in Broadgate, however, are unlikely to agree with the £1 billion tag. The rise in bond yields recently has made difficult the financing of a £1 billion investment that yields rental income of £55 million.

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TONY WHITE



Christine Bunce, left, commercial director, Mark Bunce, chief executive, and Tom Adam, chairman, yesterday

Demand for cars fuels Daimler-Benz advance

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

SHARES in Daimler-Benz, Germany's industrial flagship, surged ahead of the market after better-than-expected third-quarter sales figures, which reflected strong demand for Mercedes cars.

In the first nine months, the cars-to-aerospace group increased sales by 9 per cent, to more than DM 73 billion; the Mercedes motor vehicles division was up 13 per cent. Car sales were up 13 per cent, at DM 30.7 billion, with the C-class saloon the dominant force. In volume terms, car sales were 29 per cent up at 436,100 vehicles.

Daimler, which is undergoing severe restructuring to restore profitability, has been heavily criticised for failing to address its problems earlier. Gerhard Liener, the finance director, who came under particular fire, is to retire early and Edzard Reuter, the management board chairman, is believed to have abandoned his plans to switch to the chairmanship of the supervisory board next year.

A company statement yesterday said that, though the international automotive market was only gradually gaining momentum, Daimler expected to make progress in the fourth quarter and "annual sales in excess of DM 100 billion for the first time".

Daimler highlighted the strength of Mercedes sales in Britain — they were up 46 per cent. The average increase for western Europe, excluding Germany, was 37 per cent. Mercedes sales overall were up 13 per cent, at DM 51.2 billion.



Reuter: plan changed

Very low car sales in the first half of last year, ahead of the launch of the new C-class, were given as part of the explanation for the big year-on-year rise. But the company said demand for cars was so great that it had reached its capacity limits at some plants. Commercial vehicles' sales were up 12 per cent, at DM 20.5 billion.

AEG, the group's electrical engineering division, which has just sold its domestic appliance arm to Electrolux, of Sweden, boosted sales by less than half a billion marks, to DM 7.4 billion; Debis, the financial services division, overtook it with sales of DM 7.9 billion.

Deutsche Aerospace was the only division to experience a fall in sales; they were 9 per cent down at DM 10.5 billion, reflecting defence cuts and continued weakness in demand for civil aircraft.

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Pressac calls for £9.75m

PRESSAC Holdings, the manufacturer of components for the electronic, automotive and telecommunications industries, is raising £9.75 million through a rights issue to fund expansion (Martin Barrow writes).

The company is acquiring McGavigan, a British supplier of components to the automotive industry in Europe and America. In the six months to August 31, it earned profits of £937,000 before tax on turnover of £7.2 million.

The deal will be funded through a 1-for-2 rights issue at 85p each, underwritten by Barings.

Pressac said profits in the year to July 31 rose to £2.1 million (£1.95 million) on turnover of £37.9 million (£33 million). The final dividend is 2.08p a share, making 2.83p for the year (2.57p).

Country Casuals in red

COUNTRY Casuals, the women's clothing retailer and manufacturer, is maintaining its interim dividend, despite falling into the red in the first half (Susan Gilchrist writes).

The group made a pre-tax loss of £1.5 million in the six months to July 23, compared with a £117,000 profit in the corresponding period last year. Last month saw a profits warning and the abrupt departure of John Shannon, the chairman and chief executive.

Mark Bunce, the new chief executive, said the loss was caused by delays in rolling out the chain of Elvi stores, aimed at larger women, and a poor initial trading performance. Koto, the group's brand for younger women, was also partly to blame. However, Country Casuals continued to deliver solid results.

Trading in the crucial second half is more promising, with like-for-like sales at Country Casuals up by 7 per cent and a better performance from Elvi. The interim dividend is held at 1.41p and will be paid out on December 15.

BUSINESS HOLIDAYS

Browning-Ferris reports sharp rise

BROWNING-FERRIS Industries, the American waste management group behind a £364 million cash bid for Britain's Attwoods, reported a sharp rise in net income to $82.3 million from $53.1 million in the fourth quarter, on revenues of $1.2 billion. Earnings were 42 cents a share, compared with 31 cents.

In the 12 months to September 30, net income before extraordinary charges rose to $283.97 million ($197.44 million) and earnings advanced to $1.49 a share ($1.15). William Ruckelshaus, chairman and chief executive officer, said a successful acquisition programme, improved commodity prices and an expanding economy contributed to the profits advance. There were 25 acquisitions in the fourth quarter.

Flying Flowers blooms

FLYING Flowers more than trebled its pre-tax profits in the third quarter of the year to £267,000 (£83,000). For the first nine months, the company, which delivers flowers by post from its Jersey nurseries, more than doubled its profits to £856,000 from £395,000. Earnings per share for the nine months jumped from 1.91p to 3.47p. The company forecasts a successful Christmas period and says it has decided that it would be helpful to shareholders to make quarterly profits statements for at least its first two years as a public company. The shares were up 2p at 77p.

Shiloh pegs dividend

SHILOH, the textiles and healthcare group, is holding its interim dividend at 1p after giving warning that higher raw material costs are eroding profit margins. Shiloh shares fell 13p, to 145p. In the six months to October 1, the company lifted pre-tax profits to £622,000 from £490,000, on sales up to £14.6 million, from £13.38 million. Earnings were 7.14p a share, up from 5.75p. Richard Gartside, chairman, said buoyant demand had benefited textile spinning operations. He added that losses on packaging were being addressed "with some urgency".

Scantronic stake sold

MENVIER-SWAIN, the emergency lighting and alarms group, has emerged with a 4.5 per cent stake in Scantronic and asked for financial information with a view to considering whether to bid for the company. This month, Scantronic, a supplier of electronic security equipment, raised £2.8 million in new shares and debt and said it would incur a £2.4 million half-year loss. In the summer, Scantronic stunned the City when it said it needed £1.6 million to stay in business. Menvier-Swain has paid between 15.5p and 16.5p for its stake in Scantronic.

L&M losses reduced

LONDON & Metropolitan, the property company that was forced into a second financial restructuring last year, reduced pre-tax losses to £2.1 million from £3.4 million in the half-year to June 30 (Martin Barrow writes).

Losses eased to 4.7p a share from 5.6p. The company said the current financial position still prevented the payment of a dividend.

Turnover from continuing operations was £1.6 million, reduced from £10.3 million, but operating losses deepened to £1.15 million from £450,000. However, this was more than offset by reduced interest charges of about £1 million, down from £3 million.

HAYMILLS GROUP RESTRUCTURES FOR GROWTH

Shareholders of the privately owned Haymills construction and property investments group have approved a re-structuring package to accommodate expansion plans.

The new structure establishes a separate holding company for each of the Group's two current operating divisions; Haymills (Contractors) Ltd, and Haymills Property Investments Ltd. Formerly, both companies fell within the scope of a single holdings company; Haymills Holdings Ltd.

Haymills Group Chairman, John Woodhouse, said that the move was designed to create more flexibility for each of the main operations. "With the emergence of a more settled economic climate, it is necessary to make plans for the future destiny of the Group and its operating divisions," he said.

In spite of severe recession, during which many of Haymills's competitors have suffered damage or failure, Haymills have continued to deliver profit and maintain dividends. "This has been a laudable achievement and provides an excellent base from which our future development can be launched," said Mr Woodhouse.

"The Directors feel, that given the differing requirements in the building & civil engineering markets as against the property investment market, it is now an appropriate time to separate the two businesses formally so that each can set a new agenda for development and growth."

The position of all shareholders will be protected as shares in the new companies will mirror those held in the old holdings company. The construction group will have an asset value of £15.3 million whilst the property investments group will be worth £20 million.

Italian state sell-offs 'on track'

BY OUR WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

THE Italian privatisation programme is "alive and well" and a consistent set of asset sales will start next year, Vitorio Grilli, head of privatisation and debt management at the Italian Treasury Ministry, told a London seminar yesterday.

He said the sell-off of second tranches in the state-owned corporations INA and IMI would take place early next year, with the disposal of STET and ENEL to follow in the summer.

New regulations from July allowed for greater flexibility on privatisation methods and in choice of public offerings and private placings. The goal was to establish big public limited companies with core shareholders to give strategic stability, he said.

Attilio Ventura, chairman of the Italian Stock Exchange, said the modernisation of his country's stock exchange was almost complete and a derivatives market, initially offering a futures contract on the Milan stock index, would be launched on November 28.

With privatisations already boosting the size of the Italian equity market, Signor Ventura said that a second-tier market in small and medium-sized Italian companies was about to be set up, with some 5,000 such companies now ready to seek a listing.

On the wider economic front, Innocenzo Cipolletta, head of Confindustria, the Italian equivalent of the CBI, said Italy was experiencing a "virtuous circle of recovery driven by exports and investments more than by consumption".

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Grofund Expt Bal	113.20	117.30	...	2.07
Grofund Gilt	70.56	72.74	-0.11	4.59
Grofund Japan	176.30	186.60	-0.10	...
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General Inc	445.30	473.80	-0.90	2.89
UK Growth Acc	341.10	362.90	-0.70	2.98
UK Growth Inc	233.40	248.30	-0.60	2.98
Higher Inc Acc	640.70	681.60	-0.80	4.08
Higher Inc Inc	370.40	394.10	+0.60	4.09
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	176.50	186.40	-0.30	6.31
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	85.80	90.63	-0.13	6.31
Nth America	240.60	256.00	+0.30	...
Far East	355.90	378.70	+1.10	...
Europe	254.70	271.00	-1.40	0.84
Brit Excell	67.16	71.45	-0.20	3.20
Brit Fndmnls Acc	95.59	101.20	+0.20	5.02
Brit Fndmnls Inc	70.10	74.58	+0.11	5.02
Global Opps	79.59	84.68	+0.05	0.22
Balanced Acc	51.62	54.92	-0.03	3.06
Balanced Inc	50.56	53.79	-0.03	3.06
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High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	124.60	132.30	-0.30	6.05
High Inc Equity	152.30	162.00	-0.30	4.83
Worldwide Bond	251.00	266.30	-0.50	3.94
Capital Growth				
American Growth	264.10	282.00	-0.10	.81
Asian Pacific	334.10	355.40	-1.00	...
Assets & Earnings	247.60	263.40	-0.40	2.70
Comdty & Energy	118.30	125.80	...	.22
Euro Capital Inc	124.60	133.30	+0.30	.73
General	211.10	224.60	-0.50	2.42
Japan	127.70	135.90	+0.50	...
Mastertrust	135.50	144.90	-0.20	1.19
UK Growth Dist	114.70	122.70	-0.30	2.38
US Emerging Cos	124.50	133.20	-0.90	...
Income & Growth	361.80	384.90	-0.50	3.25
Ethical	65.88	70.08	-0.07	2.75
International	114.00	121.30	-0.20	.70
Dividend & Growth	57.70	61.38	-0.09	4.58
Global Gwth & Sec	65.76	70.15	-0.04	2.27
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European	103.60	110.10	+0.20	...
Extra Income	48.17	51.53	-0.04	4.61
Far East Emg Ecn	115.50	124.30	-0.30	0.51
Fixed Interest	21.63	23.09	-0.02	7.95
Fund Inv Tst	171.10	182.70	-0.30	0.92
Japan	186.00	198.10	+0.80	...
Latin American	72.59	77.44	+0.09	0.62
Pacific	72.65	77.71	+0.13	0.34
Property Share	62.97	67.22	+0.06	1.70
UK Emerging Cos	61.89	66.06	-0.02	1.87
UK Growth	42.18	45.59	-0.07	2.56
Aber World Port	70.56	71.83	-0.06	0.75
Ethical	59.12	63.11	-0.20	2.78
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British Growth	65.51	69.69	-0.32	2.72
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Growth & Income	217.30	232.10	+1.00	3.52
Capital	386.40	413.40	+1.20	1.87
Balanced	648.90	693.60	-2.50	2.87
Accumulator	£11.75	£12.56	+6.00	3.13
Income Trusts				
American Income	44.30	47.33	-0.06	3.89
High Income	374.60	400.40	+1.80	3.85
Equity Income	212.80	227.40	+0.90	3.76
High Yield	229.30	245.10	+1.10	3.83
Govt Securities	31.61	33.36	+0.13	5.46
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	131.70	140.70	-0.40	0.43
European Growth	33.33	35.52	-0.05	0.08
International	155.20	165.80	+0.10	0.24
Japan	215.60	230.00	...	0.01
Pacific	408.10	436.20	-0.40	0.02
Secs of America	386.00	410.70	+0.90	0.46
Wwide Asset Val	46.58	49.79	-0.02	0.20
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	494.60	528.70	+1.90	2.46
Conv & Gilt	42.55	45.48	-0.05	4.82
Smaller Cos	159.50	170.50	-0.20	1.33
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Conv & Gen	64.03	68.34	-0.17	5.49
Energy	414.00	442.70	+2.10	0.21
Europe	215.00	229.10	-0.90	0.49
Euro Smlr Cos	100.20	107.10	-0.30	0.87
Income Gwth	325.40	347.30	-0.90	4.53
Japan	332.50	353.30	+2.80	...
Pacific	105.90	112.70	-0.10	0.75
UK Smllr Cos	49.86	53.04	-0.13	0.92
Japan Fd	746.70	769.30	+1.50	..
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BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
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Brit & Oseas	264.70	282.90	...	1.31
Capital Gwth	105.70	111.30	...	2.40
Wwide Opps	178.30	187.70	...	0.42
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Balanced Trusts				
Bus Inv Fd Inc	322.70	336.20	-1.0	2.96
European Bd Inc	87.77	90.81	+0.02	7.90
Exempt	68.80	73.38	-0.04	4.51
Financial	69.19	74.00	+0.16	2.97
500.0	427.60	457.30	-0.70	2.46
General	256.70	274.50	-1.0	2.78
Property	246.80	264.00	...	6.11
Trustee	171.20	183.10	-0.70	2.66
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.30	100.30	+0.10	4.75
Extra Income	109.50	117.10	-0.30	4.30
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.03	56.87	-0.17	9.08
Income	496.90	531.40	-0.50	4.23
Income Builder	59.97	63.80	-0.01	4.96
Intl Income	60.83	64.71	-0.07	3.69
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	109.70	117.00	-0.50	2.81
Leisure	113.90	121.80	...	1.45
Recovery	391.30	418.50	-1.30	2.61
Smllr Cos Inc	41.02	43.99	+0.02	2.11
Special Sits	261.90	280.10	-0.80	1.73
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America	117.90	125.10	-0.30	0.68
Aust Acc	241.90	257.30	+3.10	2.14
Aust Inc	150.40	160.00	-2.0	2.14
Euro Gwth Inc	142.70	151.40	+0.40	0.76
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Japan Spec Sits	85.96	91.05	+0.04	..
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Worldwide	164.60	174.70	-0.10	0.72
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Growth	86.61	92.02	+0.60	...
Amer Smllr Cos	118.70	127.50	+0.70	...
Cash Trust	50.17	50.17	...	4.10
Convertibles	54.13	57.89	-0.07	5.50
Eastern	279.40	301.30	-0.90	0.10
Equity Income	83.66	88.99	-0.08	5.00
European Growth	275.50	292.50	-0.10	1.00
Europe	206.20	219.20	-0.40	0.60
German Growth	68.08	72.44	-0.12	0.10
Global Bond	60.09	61.33	-0.15	6.40
Global Growth	120.20	128.30	+0.30	..
Japan Growth	205.50	219.30	...	...
Japan Sunrise	184.20	196.10	+0.20	..
Korea Trust	84.57	94.08	-1.07	..
Portfolio	125.70	134.60	-0.30	1.60
UK Growth	82.05	87.28	-0.16	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	85.72	91.67	-0.07	1.50
Select Managers	71.17	76.25	-0.11	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL 071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	74.77	79.54	...	..
Special Oppor Inc	54.57	58.05	...	..
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD				
5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441				
Special Sits	163.90	175.30	-0.10	1.50
Dividend	80.15	85.72	-0.54	3.87
Int Gth & Inc	201.90	215.90	-0.70	3.20
UK & Gen	41.81	44.72	-0.10	1.51
Fund of Funds	62.49	66.83	-0.12	..
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD				
50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR 041 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	98.62	104.36	-0.55	1.78
Smaller Cos	99.55	105.34	-0.06	1.33
Higher Yield	42.25	44.71	-0.12	3.65
American Gth Inc	66.18	70.03	-0.02	..
European Growth	129.29	136.81	+0.26	0.05
Global Bond Inc	25.35	26.77	-0.05	6.52
Mngd Ptfolio Inc	40.25	42.58	-0.02	1.00
Int Spec Opps	112.12	118.65	+0.35	0.44
Pacific Gth	130.49	138.08	-0.06	...
Formerly LAS				
UK General	71.31	75.46	-0.49	2.09
Japan	65.76	69.59	+0.54	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	91.85	93.73	-0.18	6.29
BURKAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7236				
Short Dated Gilt	63.32	64.14	-0.14	6.64
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	144.40	153.70	-0.40	1.70
UK Growth	155.10	165.10	-0.80	2.41
UK Income	123.20	131.10	-0.30	4.63
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	176.10	186.60	-0.50	2.12
-do- Income Dist	100.90	107.00	+0.10	4.67
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.19	40.48	-0.11	6.72
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF 061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	139.80	148.80	...	
European Inc	73.59	78.05	-0.03	0.40
Smaller Cos (4-1)	77.07	81.99	-0.01	1.92
Growth	392.30	417.40	-3.60	2.42
Income & Growth	383.80	408.40	+3.10	4.07
Japan & Gen	75.50	80.23	+0.43	...
Master Portfolio	£99.09	£102.99	-8.00	2.01
Special Sits	90.58	96.37	-0.09	2.38
High Yield	£12.49	£12.88	-2.00	4.51
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS				
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh 031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561				
American Gwth Tst	33.17	35.47	+0.05	0.29
Cash Income	50.63	50.63	...	5.09
European Gwth	37.60	40.06	-0.08	0.15
Income & Gwth Tst	25.73	27.51	+0.23	4.50
Intnl Gwth	29.50	31.55	+0.07	0.13
Japan Gwth	28.34	30.31	+0.07	...
Managed Tst Inc	45.49	48.65	-0.13	1.05
Oriental Opps Inc	143.60	153.50	+2.40	...
Property Shares	37.47	40.07	-0.03	0.62
Smaller Cos	30.34	32.34	+0.80	1.58
UK Growth Tst	24.11	25.78	-0.04	2.42
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	68.83	73.61	-0.03	1.41
Cap Hse UK Inc	64.29	68.75	-0.18	2.55
Exempt (E)	28.84	30.70	...	1.76
Formerly Brown Shipley				
Financial	137.00	146.50	+2.70	1.69
Foundation	86.50	92.51	+0.01	2.42
German	48.39	51.72	+0.01	..
High Income	69.96	74.73	+0.04	5.89
Mngd Ptfolio Inc	101.70	108.70	..	1.07
Mngd Ptfolio Acc	194.40	207.90	...	1.07
Monthly Income	78.38	83.82	-0.07	4.21
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	79.37	84.65	+0.06	2.37
American Portfolio	83.03	88.45	-0.05	1.24
European Portfolio	91.14	97.00	-0.08	0.90
Japanese Portfolio	67.61	71.86	...	...
Pacific Portfolio	138.81	139.26	...	0.76
UK Inc & Growth	72.00	77.13	+0.06	3.68
Utility & Bond	54.54	55.10	+0.07	6.13
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 9000				
UK General Tst	61.66	65.59	-0.03	3.05
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD 071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	124.57	135.59	...	...
UK Income	102.21	111.87	...	5.374
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	68.58	72.68	...	2.30
Beck Bio-Tech	24.08	26.80	-0.84	..
Acorn Ethical Tst	145.60	153.26	...	1.32
City Fin Assets	66.95	71.22	...	1.09
City Fin America	76.84	80.88	...	...
City Fin Intl	74.27	78.18	...	0.50
City Fin Japan	169.39	178.30	..	..
Friars Hse Cap	257.61	278.99	...	1.53
Friars Hse Inc	192.85	205.16	...	3.96
Buckley Wrld Gnth	130.90	138.83	...	0.09
Fairmont Cap Gth	136.52	143.70	-2.72	..
-do- Inc & Gth	108.27	113.97	...	1.61
Fairmount Intl	153.02	161.07	-3.08	..
City Fin Ptfo Inc	52.88	56.25	-1.18	4.37
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144				
Emerging Markets	56.03	59.45	-0.18	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	50.72	54.25	-0.37	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	35.23	37.68	+0.05	0.28
Dragon Growth	69.50	74.33	+0.32	0.22
Equity High Inc	77.88	82.85	+0.03	4.05
European Gwth	47.02	50.02	-0.17	0.94
Evergreen	27.65	29.57	...	...
General Equity	77.97	82.73	-0.03	2.66
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.17	24.37	-0.03	8.54
Japan Growth	53.40	57.11	+0.16	..
Pedigree Gwth	47.39	50.41	-0.13	2.76
Pcf Sml Cos Inc	29.85	31.75	+0.02	1.09
Retirement Inc	24.63	26.34	-0.01	5.69
Special Sits	35.75	38.23	-0.03	1.93
UK & Overseas	45.59	48.61	+0.06	1.18
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY 0634 898 000				
Capital	62.44	66.78	...	2.38
Income	56.54	60.46	-0.01	4.37
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	148.33	157.80	-0.26	5.68
Fixed & Convertible	38.11	40.54	-0.14	7.66
Monthly Inc Plus	46.30	49.25	-0.05	9.10
Preference Share	44.71	47.56	-0.04	7.71
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	117.33	124.82	+1.41	7.47
Managed Fund	63.29	67.33	-0.08	3.13
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	37.68	40.09	-0.17	1.69
UK & General	72.62	77.26	-0.34	2.48
UK Growth	130.43	138.76	-0.42	2.46
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	176.34	187.60	+0.01	0.26
Far Eastern Grth	132.70	141.17	-0.05	...
Global Bond	71.54	76.05	-0.19	6.86
Japan Growth	126.65	134.73	+0.49	..
North Amer Grth	147.49	156.90	+0.50	..
Oriental Growth	76.29	81.16	-0.04	...
Worldwide Growth	60.27	64.12	-0.21	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.69	91.69	+0.01	4.64
Homemaker Fund	72.94	77.60	-0.18	1.95
Quilter Fund	120.70	128.40	-0.43	3.05
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	54.86	58.36	-0.09	3.10
High Income	31.56	33.57	-0.02	4.90
Japan	36.68	39.02	+0.16	..
Smaller Cos Inc	29.87	31.77	...	2.40
Smaller Cos	31.32	33.32	...	2.40
North American	30.66	32.61	+0.01	0.30
European	34.47	36.66	-0.04	0.50
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	29.41	31.58	-0.43	3.43
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358				
Growth	134.80	143.50	+0.80	2.04
Income	67.59	71.91	-0.10	5.14
European	58.03	61.74	-0.02	0.96
Recovery	141.00	150.00	-0.10	1.85
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	801.30	815.00	...	3.93
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	66.60	70.85	-0.17	1.38
Income	221.00	235.10	-0.20	4.95
Smaller Cos	142.90	152.00	-0.30	0.88
Inv Portfolio	73.96	78.68	-0.29	1.51
High Income Port	64.52	68.63	-0.07	5.05
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS 071 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£14.80	£15.17	-24.20	..
Japan Small Cos	£12.77	£13.02	-25.30	...
UK Small Cos	£17.15	£17.90	-13.40	...
US Small Cos	£14.93	£15.36	-39.50	...
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	199.60	210.20	...	2.72
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
25 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	255.10	269.80	+0.20	1.03
New Asia	214.70	229.00	-0.30	...
Japan Growth	124.30	132.30	...	...
Jap Smllr Co	524.50	557.60	-0.10	...
Nth Amer	233.70	247.70	+1.10	0.96
Shltrd Asia Pac Mi	119.90	126.70	-0.20	0.36
UK Inc & Grth	198.80	212.20	-0.80	2.84
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	132.60	141.10	-0.50	1.90
UK High Inc Inc	141.70	150.70	...	4.78
UK Pref & F I Inc	55.59	59.01	-0.15	5.31
Envmmntl Opps	78.60	83.62	-0.40	1.12
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh 0345 090 526				
American	111.80	118.60	+0.30	1.48
Convertibles	20.17	21.43	-0.02	7.00
Equity Income	120.10	127.60	-0.10	4.15
EuroFund	42.19	44.69	-0.15	0.45
Financial	43.63	46.36	+0.02	1.73
Growth & Inc	218.60	232.30	-0.40	3.31
High Dist	146.30	155.40	-0.40	4.83
International	383.80	407.80	+0.60	0.12
Int Cap Inc	91.10	97.25	+0.02	3.08
Latin American	46.38	49.28	+0.40	...
Pacific	87.70	93.18	-0.12	...
Preference Share	21.20	22.53	-0.02	7.32
Tokyo	234.20	248.50	+0.80	...
UK Smaller Cos	212.50	225.80	-0.20	1.22
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
28 Ely Place, London EC1N 6RL 071 242 0242				
Elcon Trust	207.74	222.06	+3.33	0.99
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	192.60	204.90	+4.40	0.53
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN 0296 431 480				
European	73.74	77.61	-0.06	1.77
Ethical Tst	43.05	45.32	-0.05	1.28
Far Eastern	299.86	315.64	-0.97	1.68
High Income	126.82	133.49	+0.87	4.82
Intl Growth	115.74	121.83	-0.20	1.36
North American	101.98	107.35	+0.09	1.31
Pelican	109.54	115.31	+0.47	3.34
Smaller Cos	68.57	72.18	-0.01	2.31
Special Sits	85.54	90.04	+0.01	2.43
Tst of Inv Tsts	178.77	188.18	+0.15	1.49
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	202.66	211.10	+0.12	1.41
Smaller Cos Acc	354.68	369.46	+0.20	1.41
Recovery	51.70	53.85	-0.27	1.21
Recovery Acc	51.81	53.97	-0.28	1.21
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB 0392 412 144				
Balanced	105.48	112.14	-0.19	6.05
Capital Growth	79.31	85.05	+0.02	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	43.74	46.66	+0.02	0.62
High Income	43.25	46.35	-0.10	9.92
Warrant	56.37	61.27	-0.13	..
Zero Preference	34.61	36.72	+0.04	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	71.62	76.19	-0.10	2.43
Family Income Tst	42.98	45.78	-0.12	5.64
Family Trust	84.52	89.81	...	1.06
United Charities	248.80	264.60	-0.50	2.70
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161 Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	..	4.70
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	25.88	26.13	-0.10	8.17
Intl Bond	26.17	27.17	-0.01	5.36
Income Funds				
High Income	24.57	25.85	-0.02	5.41
Income Plus	107.90	114.80	+0.20	3.77
Amer Eq Inc	43.29	45.83	-0.07	1.14
European Income	40.01	43.18	-0.02	2.17
Far East Inc	60.58	64.41	+0.17	2.38
Global Convertible	21.96	23.43	+0.04	3.78
UK Div Grth	22.77	24.22	-0.11	1.25
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	64.97	69.51	-0.45	...
American	219.20	232.50	+0.80	...
Amer Spec Sits	106.90	113.70	+0.50	...
Japan Smaller Cos	41.95	44.75	-0.08	...
European	156.80	168.00	-0.10	...
European Opps	59.83	63.62	-0.29	...
Global Priv	23.49	24.95	-0.07	1.42
UK Growth	85.27	90.67	..	..
Growth & Inc	136.40	145.10	-0.50	2.68
Intl PEP	34.76	36.96	-0.07	...
Japan Spec Sits	96.28	102.80	+0.20	...
Japan	199.60	213.20	+1.00	...
Managed Intl	260.80	277.80	+0.30	...
Moneybuilder	51.13	54.37	+0.02	..
Recovery	46.05	48.97	+0.06	...
South E Asia	147.10	157.00	-0.60	...
Special Sits	498.20	529.80	+0.80	...
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	106.91	106.91	+0.01	4.70
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2700				
Balanced	131.40	134.70	...	1.58
Inc Ptfolio	81.96	83.53	-0.05	3.75
Cap Ptfolio	137.40	140.30	-0.20	0.93
General Opps	116.60	118.70	...	3.50
Growth Inc	29.36	30.03	-0.08	1.77
Private Portfolio	379.60	388.80	..	1.52
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Admin, PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1454 Dlg: 0277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	105.90	112.00	-0.50	0.55
Emrg Asian	171.50	183.40	-1.90	...
High Income	21.10	22.43	..	10.03
Oseas Income	86.80	92.61	+0.03	3.09
UK Growth	103.10	110.30	-0.30	1.70
UK Income	99.68	106.40	...	4.32
US Smaller Cos	270.80	289.60	-0.30	...
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	45.47	48.37	-0.18	3.48
-do- Inv Tst Inc	73.76	78.47	+0.05	4.21
Intl Growth	69.42	73.85	...	1.21
Investment Trust	88.58	94.23	+0.04	...
UK Smaller Cos	75.61	80.44	-0.03	1.33
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
American Growth	50.19	53.58	+0.26	...
(Accum Units)	50.19	53.58	+0.26	...
Amer Smllr Cos	431.40	461.30	+1.20	...
(Accum Units)	440.70	471.20	+1.10	...
Capital Tst	298.10	317.00	...	1.59
(Accum Units)	425.80	452.90	-0.10	1.59
Contl Smllr Cos	56.33	60.76	-0.09	0.56
(Accum Units)	59.33	63.89	-0.10	0.56
Convertible	127.20	135.30	-0.30	5.56
(Accum Units)	251.10	267.00	-0.50	5.56
Emerging Markets	78.24	83.58	+0.16	...
(Accum Units)	78.30	83.65	+0.16	...
European	111.50	118.60	+0.20	0.04
(Accum Units)	116.80	124.30	+0.30	0.04
Extra Income	313.40	333.30	-0.20	4.03
(Accum Units)	463.70	493.20	-0.10	4.03
Financial	112.40	121.10	-0.10	0.22
(Accum Units)	118.30	127.60	...	0.22
Gilt Trust	58.81	60.66	-0.24	6.48
(Accum Units)	82.13	84.70	-0.33	6.49
Health Fund Inc	116.50	124.40	-0.10	...
(Accum Units)	116.50	124.40	-0.10	...
Income & Growth	181.40	192.90	...	3.46
(Accum Units)	266.80	283.70	...	3.46
Intl Growth	338.50	361.40	+1.60	...
(Accum Units)	375.90	401.30	+1.70	...
Japan & Gen	183.60	196.90	+0.60	...
(Accum Units)	185.40	198.80	+0.60	...
Managed Port Inc	99.56	104.80	...	1.45
(Accum Units)	105.60	111.10	...	1.45
Monthly Income	155.60	165.50	-0.20	4.03
Quarterly Income	50.18	53.37	-0.09	4.58
(Accum Units)	52.87	56.23	+0.10	4.58
Recovery	331.10	354.00	+0.10	0.15
(Accum Units)	389.80	416.80	+0.10	0.15
UK Growth	49.31	52.69	-0.05	2.85
(Accum Units)	51.00	54.50	-0.05	2.85
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, P'mth Dealing: 0705 881330 Enqs: 0705 881342				
FP Equity Dist	359.90	382.80	-1.70	3.17
-do- Accum	750.90	798.80	-3.70	3.17
FP Euro Gth Dist	132.50	140.90	-0.20	0.23
-do- Accum	138.10	146.90	-0.20	0.23
FP Fixed Int Dist	125.40	132.60	-0.50	7.42
-do- Accum	226.90	239.90	-1.00	7.42
FP Intl Gth Dist	89.46	95.17	-0.05	0.51
-do- Accum	93.34	99.29	-0.05	0.51
FP Nth Amer Dist	172.90	182.70	+0.40	0.92
-do- Accum	189.20	200.40	+0.40	0.92
FP Pac Basin Dist	311.30	331.10	-0.50	0.04
-do- Accum	317.60	337.80	-0.50	0.04
Stewardship Dist	315.70	335.80	-0.20	2.15
-do- Accum	381.80	406.10	-0.30	2.15
Stwrdship Inc Dist	69.35	73.77	-0.16	3.73
-do- Accum	88.62	94.27	-0.19	3.73
N Am Stshp Dist	91.70	97.55	-0.18	0.63
-do- Accum	97.11	103.30	-0.20	0.63
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	103.60	110.20	+0.30	0.90
Open Cap Gth Acc	106.80	113.60	-0.10	0.0
Cap Gth Inc Inc	99.64	106.00	+0.30	1.75
Cap Gth Inc Acc	101.30	107.70	+0.30	1.75
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	101.80	108.20	+0.20	1.69
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	103.40	109.90	+0.30	1.60
NM Unit Trusts				
American	40.38	42.95	-0.10	1.48
Australian	317.00	340.10	+7.10	0.0
Conscience	68.40	72.99	+0.06	0.45
European	188.20	200.31	-0.50	0.67
Extra Income	68.27	72.86	+0.25	6.09
Gilt & FI	54.11	57.22	-0.20	6.48
Gold	55.92	60.12	+0.62	0.0
Income	51.34	54.76	-0.04	4.06
Intnl	31.45	33.56	+0.01	0.63
Jap Smaller Cos	388.80	414.70	+2.60	0.0
Sing & Malaysian	261.90	280.80	-1.00	0.0
Smaller Cos	28.65	30.80	-0.67	0.61
Special Sits	33.68	36.21	-0.12	1.90
Sterling Deposit	100.50	100.50	...	4.80
Tokyo	90.63	96.67	+0.50	0.0
UK Equity	163.40	174.20	+0.80	2.22
US Smaller Cos	102.50	109.60	-1.40	0.0
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
PO Box 237, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 186/7				
GANDA	222.50	235.30	-1.20	2.51
Cash	49.64	50.38	...	3.70
Growth Portfolio	74.77	79.26	-0.07	0.73
Income Portfolio	60.12	63.58	+0.04	4.64
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
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Amer Spec Sits	160.10	171.30	-0.40	...
European	531.70	568.40	+0.80	0.48
Far East & Gen	282.20	301.90	-0.30	...
Germany	114.20	121.10	+0.30	...
Income Unc	142.90	152.90	+0.50	4.62
International	329.80	352.80	-0.70	0.20
Intl Income	75.39	80.06	+0.27	4.31
Japan & General	409.00	435.00	-0.70	...
Korean Securities	76.29	81.60	+0.25	...
Smllr Cos Div Inc	45.61	48.79	-0.09	4.88
UK Capital (Inc)	163.70	175.10	+0.60	1.00
UK Spec Sits	81.38	87.04	+0.07	0.65
US & General	125.90	134.10	...	...
Wwide Spec Sits	153.80	164.40	-0.10	...
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
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UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.10	47.20	-0.19	2.50
Cash Trust	135.06	135.06	+0.02	4.45
Practical Inv Inc	109.42	117.03	-0.07	3.55
UK Index	137.73	140.12	-0.38	3.30
UK Smaller Cos	112.38	120.19	-0.14	1.32
Income Funds				
Preference Share	22.54	24.11	-0.02	10.16
High Income	31.58	33.78	+0.08	5.39
UK Equity Income	129.38	138.37	-0.40	3.68
Global Bond	26.13	27.10	-0.06	5.90
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	56.04	59.94	-0.11	..
Global Inc & Gth	126.05	134.15	-0.02	2.01
Gold & Intl Res	122.23	130.73	-0.64	..
Global Utilities	127.98	136.84	-0.74	1.11
Overseas Funds				
American	129.41	137.94	+0.25	1.01
European	92.20	97.75	+0.01	1.01
Euro Sel Opps	132.60	141.03	+0.02	...
Amer Emerging	89.20	95.40	+0.56	...
Hong Kong	136.64	146.14	+0.85	1.47
Japan	251.99	266.71	+0.98	...
Pacific Growth	223.54	238.01	+0.05	1.31
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	301.23	301.23	-0.60	2.17
Long Term Bal	218.27	218.27	-0.65	2.74
Med Term Bal	184.95	184.95	-0.70	3.49
UK Equity	221.22	221.22	-1.14	2.74
UK Emerging Cos	135.41	135.41	+0.10	2.25
American	209.71	209.71	+0.09	1.55
Japan	129.42	129.42	-0.69	...
European	240.53	240.53	-0.0	1.00
Index Linked Gilt	161.10	161.10	-0.84	2.99
Fixed Interest	147.59	147.59	-0.48	6.97
Amer Emerging	237.30	237.30	+0.73	..
Pacific	240.59	240.59	-0.32	0.61
Emerging Mkts	164.37	164.37	-0.39	0.12
Index Strat Japan	154.82	154.82	...	0.23
-do- Pacific Rim	186.97	186.97	...	1.02
-do- Cont Europe	137.86	137.86	...	1.99
Index Strat USA	119.42	119.42	...	2.57
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	94.94	101.00	-0.30	...
Med Term Bal	87.85	93.45	-0.36	...
Long Term Bal	98.16	104.42	-0.31	...
UK Equity	102.17	108.69	-0.56	..
UK Emerging Cos	63.46	67.51	+0.05	..
American	97.24	103.44	+0.04	...
Japan	62.14	66.11	+0.35	...
European	100.01	106.39	-0.03	..
Fixed Interest	74.34	79.09	-0.25	..
Index Linked Gilt	71.43	75.98	-0.40	...
Deposit	79.00	84.05	+0.02	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Intl Grth	120.22	126.56	-0.38	...
Berkeley Income	108.26	113.94	+0.21	2.34
BWH Intl	134.54	141.62	-0.07	0.60
Brettff Gth Port Inc	58.19	61.41	+0.11	1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc	53.80	56.88	+0.17	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	51.53	54.38	-0.07	0.50
Shaw Utilities	57.35	60.53	-0.30	2.54
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management Ltd 12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990				
£ Intl Inc	532.00	560.02	...	0.85
European Inc	138.13	146.95	..	0.95
Amalgam Inc	144.26	152.73	...	...
N America Inc	310.56	330.38	...	...
Far East Inc	356.82	379.60	...	...
UK Divid Inc	168.33	179.07	..	1.40
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
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UK Equity Inc	84.66	89.25	-0.13	4.77
UK Small Cos	45.20	48.34	-0.03	0.92
British Growth	49.80	52.66	+0.10	2.48
American Gwth	150.10	160.60	-1.08	...
Japan Gwth	80.82	86.43	-0.16	...
Greater China	192.49	205.87	-0.61	...
Pacific Strategy	171.77	183.71	-0.70	...
European Gwth	80.84	86.46	...	0.12
Intl Growth	141.00	150.90	...	...
US Index (£)	12.13	12.89	+0.04	3.50
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	71.42	75.65	-0.19	2.23
Monthly Income	36.92	39.36	-0.16	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Grd UK Index (£)	9.58	10.09	-0.07	3.60
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
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Small Cos	92.70	99.29	+2.71	1.20
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9669				
Cash	136.80	136.80	..	3.60
European	456.30	487.50	+0.20	0.10
Gilt & Fixed	121.20	128.60	-0.40	5.15
Growth Equity	313.20	334.60	-1.80	1.99
Income Trust	121.60	129.90	-0.30	3.17
International	174.70	186.60	+0.10	...
Japan Trust	132.20	141.20	-0.60	...
Nth American	239.80	256.10	+0.10	0.25
Pacific	556.80	593.70	-2.60	...
Guardbuilt	459.10	490.40	-1.90	2.02
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE 071 522 2129				
EMU Trust	97.23	100.90	-0.06	7.01
Global High Inc	95.66	99.28	+0.08	7.31
Prem Fixed Int	97.19	100.89	-0.27	6.74
Eqty & Bond Inc	95.52	101.58	+0.15	5.17
European Growth	95.94	102.01	+0.83	...
Intl PEP Trust	56.42	59.98	+0.42	...
High Income	115.04	122.32	+0.41	4.12
Recovery	362.70	385.60	-2.00	1.47
St Vinc High Inc	121.82	123.64	+0.08	7.06
Tmp Bar Emer Co	242.90	258.30	+0.10	1.47
Tmp Br Sm Co In	358.10	364.50	-0.60	1.94
Glob Priv Tst	89.12	94.75	+0.97	1.25
Inc Share Tst	89.75	95.43	+0.02	8.33
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
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Model Ptfolio	191.30	203.00	-0.50	2.70
Smaller Cos	32.53	34.61	-0.02	0.95
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
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UK Funds				
Special Sits	279.48	290.04	-0.59	1.40
Best of British	59.68	63.43	-0.22	2.77
UK Smaller Cos	119.90	128.89	-0.35	1.22
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	260.80	277.74	-0.30	3.27
High Income	302.49	323.36	+0.34	4.15
Extra Income	262.84	279.53	+0.25	5.93
Pref & Gilt	42.35	45.52	-0.02	9.50
International				
International	261.39	278.99	-0.17	0.09
Global Bond	49.94	53.09	-0.05	5.59
Family of Funds	79.20	84.75	+0.01	0.12
Global Tech	141.09	150.89	+0.85	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	180.99	196.75	+0.03	...
European	440.84	467.57	+0.53	0.54
European Income	77.02	81.59	+0.01	2.78
Euro Smlr Cos	144.58	155.13	-0.37	0.05
Eur Sp Sits	66.89	71.15	+0.04	0.07
Japan Trust	228.09	242.52	+1.68	...
Japan Special Sits	255.42	271.93	+1.11	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	271.58	288.91	-0.26	...
North American	215.48	228.98	-0.47	0.47
American Smaller	95.72	102.32	+0.14	...
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	50.85	53.90	+0.08	.
Eur Sp Sits	57.64	61.09	+0.03	...
General Growth	40.16	42.56	-0.14	...
Global Tech	55.19	58.50	+0.33	...
Income Growth	39.67	42.05	-0.04	...
Japan Growth	27.90	29.57	+0.20	...
Overseas Growth	38.19	40.48	-0.03	...
Smaller Cos	21.39	22.67	-0.03	...
Special Opps	28.45	30.15	-0.08	...
Wwide Sp Sits	47.65	50.50	-0.05	...
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	92.82	99.27	-0.25	1.83
Capital	163.30	174.60	-0.40	1.52
Dollar	315.10	337.00	+1.40	...
European	213.20	228.00	-0.40	...
Far East	321.40	343.70	-0.60	0.15
Financial	763.40	816.40	+0.90	1.35
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.10	25.06	-0.07	8.06
High Yield	99.04	105.90	...	4.29
Income & Growth	134.60	143.90	-0.10	3.57
International	243.40	260.30	+0.10	..
Japanese General	213.50	228.30	+1.20	..
Japan Tech	88.82	94.99	+0.22	...
Nat Resources	77.84	83.25	+0.39	..
Portfolio	68.46	73.21	-0.09	1.51
Security	304.70	325.80	-1.20	1.80
Smaller Cos	120.10	128.40	-0.20	1.09
Special Sits	141.20	151.00	-0.60	1.55
UK Emerging Cos	86.53	92.54	+0.03	0.54
US Smaller Cos	71.35	76.31	+0.48	..
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
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UK Funds				
Capital	544.80	581.40	-0.20	2.18
Income	528.70	564.20	+0.20	4.32
Footsie Fund	50.05	52.94	-0.14	2.72
Trixie Index	105.90	113.00	-1.70	1.93
UK Index	130.50	139.30	-0.40	3.12
International Funds				
American Growth	443.80	473.60	+2.20	0.64
American Index	181.90	193.90	+0.20	1.41
Balanced	...	...	...	...
European Growth	106.50	113.20	-0.10	...
Eurotrack 100	145.10	154.40	-0.30	1.12
Global Bond	19.81	20.91	-0.02	7.36

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UK Extra Inc	80.29	83.34	+0.04	5.52
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.03	25.80	-0.12	8.10
UK Inc & Gwth	37.82	39.25	-0.07	4.08
UK Income	316.30	328.30	-0.10	3.73
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	46.38	48.04	+0.01	0.23
Amer Smllr Cos	102.40	106.20	-0.60	...
(Accum Units)	103.50	107.40	-0.60	...
Europe Gth	144.20	149.30	-0.20	...
(Accum Units)	149.10	154.40	-0.10	...
Euro Smaller Cos	27.61	28.65	-0.10	...
French Growth	73.64	76.43	+0.10	...
Accum Units	78.89	81.88	+0.10	...
H Kong & China	83.67	86.84	+0.24	1.66
Intl Growth	55.31	57.41	...	0.59
(Accum Units)	55.77	57.88	+0.01	0.58
Japan Gth	35.97	37.33	+0.34	...
Accum Units	35.97	37.33	+0.34	...
Japan Smaller Cos	45.07	46.78	+0.21	...
Glob Emg Mkts	111.60	115.80	-0.60	...
Accum Units	112.40	116.60	-0.60	...
SE Asia	332.80	345.40	-0.30	0.11
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	50.03	51.54	-0.09	5.89
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
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American Cap	126.20	134.10	+2.10	..
Income	140.21	149.16	-0.48	4.01
UK Growth	51.66	54.95	-0.24	0.98
International	82.23	87.47	+0.35	0.26
Ecology	75.92	80.76	-0.17	1.33
European	113.55	120.67	-0.08	...
Far Eastern	333.10	354.30	+0.70	...
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Income Trusts				
Extra Income	47.43	50.46	-0.09	7.61
Gilt Yield	110.50	116.60	-0.10	7.12
Global Income	207.10	220.30	-2.88	4.13
High Yield	130.00	138.30	-0.10	6.37
Smllr Cos Div	50.75	53.99	-0.03	2.94
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	83.75	89.10	+0.41	...
North American	69.04	73.45	+0.21	0.30
European Special	91.49	97.33	-0.26	0.15
European	143.50	152.70	-0.50	0.39
General	255.80	272.10	-0.50	3.31
Japan	428.70	456.10	+1.40	...
Japanese Special	261.10	277.80	-0.20	...
Master Accum	228.30	243.90	-0.20	0.57
Pacific	376.30	400.40	-2.30	...
Smaller Cos	107.80	114.70	...	0.56
UK Equity Growth	38.79	41.26	-0.03	1.64
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS				
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Global Inc & Gth	59.90	63.72	-0.03	..
Inv Trust	65.71	69.90	+0.05	..
Cautious Inc/Gth	55.52	59.06	-0.08	0.80
High Inc Acc	53.28	56.61	-0.13	3.60
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA 071 588 2800				
Income	572.10	583.80	...	5.71
Intl & General	406.20	414.50	...	...
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
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Bridge Income	245.47	261.14	-0.39	5.72
Inc & Growth Inc	54.04	57.49	+0.05	4.57
Smaller Cos	54.42	57.89	+0.04	1.42
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
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Growth Trust	233.70	248.60	-0.60	2.19
High Income	103.10	109.70	-0.50	4.40
International	97.40	103.60	+0.21	0.59
Recovery Trust	60.40	64.26	-0.01	1.58
European Trust	78.47	83.48	+0.14	1.09
Japanese Trust	45.18	48.06	+0.04	...
American Trust	80.98	86.09	-0.67	...
Managed	85.24	89.40	+0.09	0.55
Cash	50.86	50.86	...	4.15
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916				
UK Cap	339.10	345.20	-0.60	2.64
UK Inc/Gth	366.20	371.90	+1.70	3.31
UK Income	258.70	263.00	+1.40	4.35
UK Sm Cos	230.30	239.00	-0.70	1.97
Euro Gwth	117.10	118.20	-1.50	...
N Amer Gwth	71.26	71.97	+0.26	0.13
Japan Growth	69.01	69.71	-0.05	...
Money Mkt	120.83	120.83	...	2.280
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Equity Dist	443.00	471.30	-1.50	2.67
Equity Income	94.00	100.00	+0.19	3.90
UK Tactical Allocn	52.94	56.22	+0.11	2.81
European	107.40	114.30	-0.50	0.92
Far Eastern	241.80	257.20	+0.80	...
Fixed Interest	48.00	51.06	-0.22	7.15
Gilt	83.49	88.54	-0.18	7.06
Global Growth	76.39	81.27	-0.06	0.11
Intl Bond	48.40	51.43	-0.15	5.21
Japanese	80.25	85.37	+0.40	...
North American	137.00	145.70	+0.40	0.72
Pacific Growth	117.50	125.00	+0.20	...
UK Index	58.60	61.83	-0.17	3.23
UK Recovery	86.48	92.00	-0.27	1.85
UK Smaller Cos	118.20	125.70	-0.10	1.37
US Index	54.54	57.96	-0.16	1.56
European Index	68.40	72.19	-0.28	1.59
Japan Index	42.87	45.25	+0.13	...
Worldwide	82.02	87.25	-0.05	1.34
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB 081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	47.34	50.63	-0.23	1.89
Income	57.02	60.98	-0.11	2.88
Far East	55.35	59.20	-0.03	...
North American	83.13	88.91	+0.26	...
Global	89.19	95.39	-0.42	0.08
European	81.47	87.13	-0.25	0.38
Japan	113.20	121.10	+0.70	...
Intl Currency Bd	54.00	57.33	-0.06	4.04
SE Asia	108.80	116.40	-0.40	...
UK Cap Growth	87.47	93.55	-0.27	1.30
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
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Balanced	326.30	347.20	+2.90	3.00
-do- Acc	732.00	778.80	+6.70	3.00
Contl Euro Gth	59.60	62.74	+0.16	0.65
-do- Acc	63.48	66.83	+0.17	0.65
Extra Inc	246.60	262.40	+3.10	4.20
-do- Acc	626.00	666.00	+8.30	4.20
German Gth	117.80	124.00	+0.40	0.20
-do- Acc	123.60	130.20	+0.50	0.20
Growth Port	512.40	545.20	-9.00	0.15
-do- Acc	521.00	554.30	-9.10	0.15
Income	460.70	490.20	+5.90	4.02
-do- Acc	£12.39	£13.19	-15.00	4.02
Income Port	489.40	520.70	-4.20	4.13
-do- Acc	514.40	547.30	-4.40	4.13
Japan Growth	108.80	115.80	+0.90	...
-do- Acc	109.20	116.20	+0.90	...
Master Trust	55.36	58.90	-0.05	1.49
-do- Acc	61.80	65.75	-0.05	1.49
N American Gen	165.70	176.30	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	191.40	203.70	+0.60	...
NAm Sm Co Rec	127.40	135.60	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	130.00	138.30	+0.10	...
Pacific Basin	261.10	277.80	...	0.58
-do- Acc	277.00	294.70	...	0.58
Small Cos Rec	341.40	359.40	-0.40	2.17
-do- Acc	456.50	480.60	-0.60	2.17
UK Growth	81.12	86.30	+0.82	2.65
-do- Acc	97.67	103.70	+0.90	2.65
Worldwide Gth	305.80	325.40	+0.90	0.29
-do- Acc	451.10	479.90	+1.20	0.29
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673				
American	60.32	64.72	+0.30	0.10
General	82.29	88.29	-0.46	2.40
Income	62.79	67.37	-0.18	5.40
International	62.12	66.65	+0.14	0.40
Japan	60.32	64.72	+0.28	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	66.59	71.44	+0.01	1.60
M & G SECURITIES				
M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	368.30	389.50	+0.40	0.71
(Accum Units)	457.30	483.50	+0.50	0.71
Amer Recovery	415.50	439.40	+0.40	0.47
(Accum Units)	476.30	503.70	+0.50	0.47
Amer Smllr Cos	120.30	127.20	-0.20	...
(Accum Units)	122.90	129.90	-0.20	...
Australasian	161.90	171.20	+1.90	1.87
(Accum Units)	196.30	207.50	+2.30	1.87
Capital	790.30	835.70	-3.30	2.52
(Accum Units)	897.90	949.40	-3.70	2.52
Charifund	666.60	673.30	+0.50	5.67
(Accum Units)	£30.24	£30.55	+2.60	5.67
Commodity	402.90	426.10	+1.80	0.23
(Accum Units)	590.70	624.70	+2.60	0.23
Compound Grth	886.30	937.30	-1.30	2.90
(Accum Units)	929.00	982.40	-1.40	2.90
Dividend	38.40	40.60	-0.10	4.47
(Accum Units)	157.70	167.00	-0.20	4.47
Equity Income	332.90	352.00	-0.10	5.00
(Accum Units)	423.70	448.00	-0.10	5.00
Euro & General	480.60	508.20	+0.80	1.08
(Accum Units)	606.80	641.60	+1.00	1.08
Euro Dividend	65.80	69.60	+0.10	3.81
(Accum Units)	78.40	83.00	+0.10	3.81
Extra Yield	392.80	415.40	-0.10	4.88
(Accum Units)	£12.19	£12.89	-0.40	4.88
Far Eastern	362.10	382.90	-0.40	0.47
(Accum Units)	479.70	507.30	-0.50	0.47
Fund of Inv Tsts	601.20	635.80	-0.10	1.81
(Accum Units)	£11.14	£11.79	-0.10	1.81
General	57.60	60.90	...	3.87
(Accum Units)	158.70	168.00	...	3.87
Gilt Income	57.43	57.54	-0.23	8.39
(Accum Units)	154.79	155.09	-0.61	8.39
Gold	74.80	79.10	-0.10	0.52
(Accum Units)	88.30	93.30	-0.10	0.52
High Income	27.30	28.90	...	4.74
(Accum Units)	107.50	113.80	-0.10	4.74
Intl Growth	75.40	79.70	...	1.01
(Accum Units)	131.30	138.80	-0.10	1.01
International Inc	93.40	98.80	...	4.68
(Accum Units)	138.60	146.60	...	4.68
Japan & Gen	50.00	52.90	+0.30	...
(Accum Units)	53.60	56.80	+0.40	...
Japan Smlr Cos	174.90	185.00	+0.40	...
(Accum Units)	176.10	186.30	+0.50	...
Managed Income	26.20	27.50	-0.10	4.10
Midland	60.20	63.70	-0.20	3.11
(Accum Units)	201.30	212.90	-0.70	3.11
Pension Ex	893.90	916.30	-1.50	4.41
Recovery	39.90	42.20	-0.10	2.69
(Accum Units)	64.80	68.60	-0.10	2.69
Second General	68.60	72.50	...	3.50
(Accum Units)	175.00	185.00	...	3.50
Smaller Cos	65.90	69.70	-0.10	3.15
(Accum Units)	129.40	136.80	-0.30	3.15
Treasury	24.96	25.01	...	5.16
Trustee	39.90	42.20	-0.10	4.58
(Accum Units)	160.90	170.30	-0.40	4.58
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	75.77	80.60	+0.15	0.67
Intl Bond	59.26	63.31	-0.03	6.29
Intl Equity Growth	67.63	71.93	+0.21	0.50
N Amer Growth	87.54	93.12	+0.38	0.87
Special Sits Growth	20.46	21.76	-0.01	1.76
UK Growth	349.70	372.60	-1.40	2.79
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
46 Court St, Haddington, East Lothian 0620 825867				
Joint Investors	£12.72	£12.91	...	2.30
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
Maldon General	135.40	139.30	...	4.40
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD				
St George's Way, Stevenage Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	184.30	197.10	-1.00	2.56
Gilt & Fxd Int	160.80	169.40	-0.30	7.07
Intl Growth	202.20	215.20	-0.20	0.19
North American	170.80	182.10	+1.10	0.30
Far East	275.40	294.50	+1.20	0.88
UK Smaller Cos	164.60	176.00	-0.10	1.89
European	77.03	81.95	+0.14	0.13
Japanese Growth	50.21	53.36	+0.14	..
High Income	176.50	188.80	-0.10	4.69
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 410, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 680 066				
M & S Inv Ptfolio	142.70	151.80	-0.20	2.21
-do- Accum	162.60	172.90	-0.20	2.21
UK Sel Ptflio	123.00	130.80	-0.20	2.46
-do- Accum	141.40	150.40	-0.23	2.46
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
51 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA 0204 364 942				
Managed Tst	60.55	64.41	-1.43	4.34
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Crt, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh 031 479 4646				
Intl Income	68.45	72.64	-0.07	4.65
European	76.28	81.08	+0.19	0.43
Income	69.93	74.24	-0.17	5.76
Nth American	56.03	59.48	+0.36	0.68
Far East	171.60	182.30	-2.50	...
Japan	59.12	62.76	+0.24	...
Emging Mkts	111.90	119.70	-0.50	...
Intl Growth	106.90	113.50	+0.20	0.38
UK Growth	83.78	88.92	-0.25	0.83
UK Smlr Co	44.66	47.41	+0.13	0.59
Asian Opps Fd	39.91	42.68	-0.49	0.13
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Income	389.21	414.05	-0.44	4.31
Global Inc	62.54	66.53	-0.17	3.10
Brit Leaders	320.0	340.43	-0.20	2.63
Intl Leaders	186.63	198.54	+0.14	0.83
PAM Mg Bal Grth	63.24	64.69	-0.04	0.84
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St EC4R 9AS Dealing: 071 280 2860				
American	186.10	197.60	+0.70	...
(Accum Units)	198.90	211.10	+0.60	...
British Blue Chip	74.63	79.34	-0.37	3.12
(Accum Units)	92.04	97.86	-0.45	3.12
Cash	100.20	100.20	+0.10	3.14
(Accum Units)*	136.20	136.20	...	5.14
Emerging Mkts	130.30	128.40	-0.30	0.19
European Growth	234.50	248.30	+0.40	0.29
(Accum Units)	252.80	267.20	-0.50	0.29
European Income	78.18	82.62	+0.24	3.49
(Accum Units)	104.10	110.00	+0.30	3.49
General	470.00	501.30	-1.80	2.46
(Accum Units)	916.30	977.40	-3.40	2.46
Global Bond	114.60	120.50	-0.20	6.78
(Accum Units)	138.00	145.00	-0.30	6.78
Gold & General	238.40	256.30	-2.90	0.35
(Accum Units)	244.70	263.10	-2.80	0.35
Govt Securities	87.06	89.77	-0.23	6.29
(Accum Units)	165.40	170.50	-0.40	6.29
Income	143.60	152.70	-0.60	4.53
(Accum Units)	220.90	235.00	-0.90	4.53
Inc Portfolio	92.13	97.70	-0.41	5.30
(Accum Units)	92.13	97.70	-0.41	5.30
Intl Opps	445.30	473.60	-1.70	0.34
(Accum Units)	593.90	631.70	-2.20	0.34
Japan	195.40	207.10	+0.50	...
(Accum Units)	200.60	212.70	+0.60	...
New Europe	121.80	183.30	...	0.76
(Accum Units)	175.70	187.40	...	0.76
Pacific	126.20	134.60	-1.20	0.86
(Accum Units)	135.00	144.00	-1.40	0.86
Recovery	288.30	307.50	-0.40	0.84
(Accum Units)	367.90	392.40	-0.60	0.81
UK Smaller Cos	55.22	58.90	-0.14	0.92
(Accum Units)	62.43	66.59	-0.15	0.92
Portfolio	76.21	81.04	-0.22	2.85
(Accum Units)	89.46	95.14	-0.30	2.85
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	109.12	116.06	-0.03	0.93
Portfolio	64.62	68.74	-0.16	0.07
UK Income Inc	72.01	76.61	-0.10	4.89
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Deacon Hse, 192 Eyre St, Sheffield S1 3RD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	57.20	61.18	-0.04	2.96
(Accum Units)	60.19	64.37	-0.06	2.96
British Tst	78.25	83.69	-0.66	2.00
(Accum Units)	89.96	96.21	-0.76	2.00
Extra High Inc	64.57	69.06	+0.01	6.69
(Accum Units)	123.10	131.60	+0.10	6.69
FT-SE 100 Acc	50.40	53.47	-0.14	2.57
FT-SE 100 Dist	50.40	53.47	-0.14	2.57
Gilt & Fxd Int	51.74	53.85	-0.11	7.17
(Accum Units)	147.80	153.60	-0.30	7.17
High Yield	213.40	228.20	-0.20	5.76
(Accum Units)	521.30	557.50	-0.50	5.76
Income	271.60	290.50	-2.60	3.49
(Accum Units)	590.90	631.90	-5.80	3.69
Money Market UT	49.73	49.73	+0.01	3.85
(Accum Units)	76.68	76.68	+0.01	3.85
Monthly Income	80.41	86.00	-0.04	6.24
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	93.61	99.59	-0.29	1.97
European Growth	101.40	107.50	-1.80	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	80.12	85.02	-0.17	6.53
Income	79.94	85.04	-0.03	3.01
Japan Growth	55.38	58.70	-0.37	...
Managed	65.25	69.42	-0.03	2.53
Money Market	85.55	90.69	+0.02	4.43
North American	80.80	85.65	-0.52	0.52
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	85.04	90.47	-0.27	1.95
European Growth	95.44	101.20	-1.70	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	76.35	81.02	-0.16	6.49
Income	78.54	83.55	-0.03	3.07
Japan Growth	55.25	58.57	-0.35	...
Managed	62.43	66.42	-0.02	2.50
Money Market	79.10	83.85	+0.01	4.38
North American	73.76	78.18	-0.47	0.62
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	85.08	90.51	-0.26	1.94
European Growth	93.17	98.76	-1.64	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	70.15	74.44	-0.15	6.63
Income	77.70	82.66	-0.03	3.09
Japan Growth	56.55	59.94	-0.37	...
Managed	65.26	69.43	-0.03	2.50
Money Market	73.91	78.34	+0.01	4.44
North American	81.56	86.46	-0.52	0.48
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.69	13.49	...	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0623				
American Gwth	305.40	324.50	+0.70	...
European Gth Inc	424.30	453.20	+1.00	0.28
Intl Gwth	189.30	201.80	+0.20	...
UK Equity Inc	170.40	182.00	-0.70	3.22
UK Ind Trckr Inc	149.60	160.10	-0.70	2.80
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	180.60	191.60	+0.10	1.50
Japan Tracker	78.48	83.14	+0.29	...
Asian Trader	207.60	224.70	-0.90	0.23
Managed Inc	149.40	159.80	-0.20	1.49
Deposit Inc	99.94	99.94	...	4.92
Europa	174.30	187.60	+0.20	0.26
Genesis	150.00	164.40	...	2.30
High Income	21.28	22.99	-0.05	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933				
Acumen	90.02	92.05	-0.29	2.25
Acumen Inc	85.20	87.13	-0.27	2.25
Acumen Reserve	79.13	79.92	-0.28	8.33
-do- Inc	69.05	69.74	-0.25	8.33
Americas Growth	157.00	161.60	...	0.92
Cash Income	49.89	49.89	...	4.72
Equity Income	89.93	92.37	-0.28	4.61
European	67.99	69.62	+0.18	...
Smaller Cos	75.46	78.86	-0.09	1.17
Olympiad	66.37	67.99	-0.01	...
Global Bond	41.35	41.84	-0.03	6.58
UK Growth	86.81	89.24	-0.51	1.73
Pacific Growth	113.30	117.50	+0.30	...
Japan Growth	99.28	100.80	+0.50	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 222 308 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	115.37	122.73	-0.27	2.93
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
UK Growth	70.40	74.90	...	2.14
UK Income	103.70	110.40	+0.10	3.97
Gilt & Fixed Int	65.24	69.04	-0.17	6.46
Higher Income	209.40	222.80	+0.30	4.95
Smaller Cos	79.05	84.10	+0.06	1.97
International	92.27	98.17	-0.10	1.03
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD				
48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Americas Dist	97.19	103.95	+0.34	...
European Dist	103.20	110.40	-0.50	...
Far East Dist	187.60	200.60	-0.10	...
Global Care Dist	64.54	69.03	-0.01	1.62
Oseas Dist	995.00	£10.64	+2.40	...
UK Dist	325.10	347.70	-0.90	2.75
UK Extra Inc Dist	73.51	78.62	-0.20	4.35
Wwide Dist	102.20	109.30	+0.20	1.41
Wwide Inc Dist	67.50	72.19	-0.13	2.54
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Dlg: 0277 690 288 Admin Enq: 0277 690 395				
Europe Inc	60.64	64.00	-0.07	0.50
Fund of Funds Inc	56.29	59.41	-0.09	0.88
North America Inc	45.50	48.02	+0.02	0.54
UK Equity Grth Inc	35.87	38.97	-0.17	2.12
UK General Inc	33.93	36.92	-0.17	2.64
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	44.67	47.04	-0.14	7.46
UK Income Inc	54.57	57.59	-0.12	3.13
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client: 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000 Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Income	217.72	231.68	-0.57	3.52
Global	331.83	353.02	+0.72	0.71
General	179.90	191.39	-0.25	3.78
Bond	109.22	115.98	-0.06	6.16
Growth	117.35	124.85	-0.28	2.46
Intrepid	116.23	121.08	...	1.82
Bridge Fund	84.15	89.53	...	...
Distributor	86.59	92.12	-0.25	3.24
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich 0603 682 234				
Master Trust	116.54	123.97	-0.18	1.44
UK Equity	129.78	138.06	-0.63	3.16
UK Equity Income	125.12	133.11	-0.37	3.33
UK Smaller Cos	113.57	120.82	-0.09	1.56
UK Equity Growth	121.03	128.75	-0.45	2.36
UK Index Trckg	131.05	139.41	-0.12	3.58
Intl Index Trckg	137.01	145.76	+0.08	1.10
International	224.17	238.48	+0.17	0.34
European	184.21	195.97	-0.50	0.20
Pan European	124.25	132.18	-0.40	1.29
Nth American	152.69	162.44	+0.44	0.44
N Amer Smlr Cos	168.27	179.01	+0.07	...
Japanese	99.11	105.44	+0.48	...
Pacific	239.73	255.03	+0.24	...
South East Asian	264.08	280.94	-0.69	0.28
Intl Bond	120.96	128.59	-0.51	4.25
Gilt & Convertible	99.63	105.90	-0.13	5.79
Property	84.52	89.92	-0.40	4.95
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	228.40	242.90	-1.00	2.60
Growth	146.80	154.50	-0.50	2.70
Income	224.00	238.20	-0.40	3.86
Intl Equity	239.20	254.40	+0.60	0.89
UK Income	62.61	66.60	-0.14	3.49
UK Intl 25	75.05	79.83	-0.27	2.05
New Europe	74.37	79.12	+0.22	0.34
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000				
Intl Growth	585.19	625.85	...	0.28
Income	320.62	342.91	...	3.41
Wwide Recovery	370.84	396.63	...	0.03
Amer Growth Inc	203.22	217.34	...	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	240.46	257.18	...	0.08
Far Estn Grth Inc	290.60	310.81	...	0.01
Euro Gwth Inc	133.71	143.01	+0.23	0.69
UK Growth Inc	82.99	88.76	+0.60	2.75
High Income	89.14	95.34	...	4.19
Jap Gwth Inc	236.06	251.48	...	0.01
PEP Growth	114.65	122.39	...	0.77
Asian Sm Mkts Inc	130.31	139.37	...	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	122.60	131.13	+0.23	0.01
Global Bond	51.73	54.59	-0.09	6.35
UK Smaller Cos Inc	76.92	82.27	-0.12	1.09
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ 091 201 3927				
American	95.76	101.87	-0.34	...
European	68.10	72.45	-0.04	...
Global	65.12	69.28	-0.26	...
Pacific	64.62	68.74	+0.01	...
UK Inc & Grth	62.17	66.14	...	2.00
POINTON YORK UT MGRS				
The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX 0533 550 540				
BRI Director Digs	95.67	101.89	-0.20	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	154.96	163.12	...	0.85
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	56.15	59.51	+0.07	2.56
Growth Income	59.72	63.30	-0.11	2.35
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN 0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	125.23	133.23	+0.83	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	85.49	90.94	-0.53	3.77
Conv & Gilt	109.80	117.00	-0.20	6.24
European Income	68.19	72.54	-0.11	2.99
Extra Income	142.60	151.70	-0.40	3.98
Far East	412.30	438.60	+0.10	0.25
Global Income	24.31	26.07	+0.10	4.73
High Income	109.00	116.00	-0.10	3.65
International	204.00	217.10	-1.60	0.52
Pref & Fxd Int	39.93	42.49	-0.04	7.86
Recovery	70.67	75.19	+1.54	2.51
Special Sits	100.20	107.10	-0.20	1.28
Technology	320.30	340.70	+3.00	...
UK Blue Chip	64.99	69.14	-0.36	2.99
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX 0622 674 751				
General	50.06	53.26	-0.22	2.24
International	86.20	91.70	+0.14	0.39
Gilt	23.95	24.60	-0.02	6.63
Income & Gwth	67.14	71.43	-0.14	4.50
European	48.75	51.86	-0.01	0.45
American	49.63	52.80	+0.23	...
Emerging Mkts	85.55	91.01	-0.84	0.04
UK Smaller Cos	28.91	30.75	-0.07	2.25
Gilt/Fixed Interest	24.29	25.84	-0.06	7.05
Global PEP	36.89	39.24	+0.01	1.25
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD				
2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768 888				
European Inc	254.30	273.60	-0.10	0.81
Japan Inc	111.50	119.20	+0.20	...
Nth American Inc	102.00	109.80	-0.10	0.12
Worldwide Inc	159.10	171.10	-0.60	0.75
Hong Kong Inc	137.20	147.30	+0.70	1.00
Swiss Equities Inc	61.35	65.82	-0.88	...
Wwide Bond Inc	57.94	61.24	-0.12	5.56
Emging Asia Inc	227.70	247.80	-1.10	...
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.43	50.43	...	4.93
Thailand Inc	171.80	184.90	-1.40	0.30
Gold Trust Inc	85.04	91.67	-0.37	0.21
New Zealand Inc	81.60	87.97	+0.80	3.57
Int Mngd PEP Inc	61.59	66.48	-0.02	0.67
Latin Am Cap Inc	87.57	94.45	+0.03	0.01
UK All Sh Mkt Inc	55.31	59.34	-0.16	2.63
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	78.45	83.60	-0.18	1.50
Global Portfolio	71.09	76.03	-0.02	...
Global Opps	73.05	78.13	-0.10	0.42
Marsh Global Grth	65.93	69.91	+0.07	1.92
AAM Global Equity	52.59	55.74	-0.10	0.76
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	83.10	89.58	+0.06	0.90
CAM Int Recry Inc	45.27	47.53	...	1.04
Temple Equity Inc	42.51	46.49	-0.03	3.11
Hartley Growth	71.07	75.33	-0.31	0.26
Intl Growth Inc	84.49	90.36	-0.26	0.73
IPS Portfolio Inc	84.95	90.86	-0.31	...
St.Jms Mn Dsc Inc	45.10	48.78	-0.09	...
Premier Perfms Inc	67.22	71.89	-0.19	0.70
Roxburgh Strat Gth	72.86	77.93	-0.16	...
Tech Analysis	96.16	102.30	-0.30	...
Rosebery Growth	52.77	57.75	-0.31	...
International Strat	77.55	82.94	-0.15	...
UFC Ind-Acc Grth	53.25	57.62	-0.04	...
Coverdale Topout	50.64	54.77	-0.34	...
Prem Equity Inc	108.70	114.40	...	...
Lowes Intl Growth	44.31	46.64	+0.05	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA 071 588 3965				
Equity Gth	160.40	170.60	-0.70	1.70
European Gth	94.28	99.83	+0.59	0.17
Income & Gth	125.60	133.60	-0.70	3.09
Japan Gth	125.37	132.70	+0.60	..
Nth Amer Gth	107.20	114.00	+0.40	0.18
Overseas Gth	86.99	92.53	+0.32	...
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4990 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4384 Pricebank: 0426 925 091				
Managed Tst	35.07	37.50	...	1.54
Cash Haven Inc	101.46	101.97	...	4.40
Cash Haven Acc	110.25	110.79	+0.01	4.40
Dist Trust Inc	90.88	97.19	-0.20	4.56
Dist Trust Acc	92.88	99.33	-0.21	4.56
Global Growth	84.25	90.10	-0.08	1.44
Equity Inc	77.61	83.00	-0.06	3.70
Equity	674.95	721.87	-9.15	2.31
European	197.58	211.31	-0.58	0.74
High Income	84.36	90.22	-0.13	5.09
Intl Gth	171.36	183.27	-0.02	1.29
Intl Sm Co	74.24	79.40	+0.19	0.51
Japanese	226.77	242.53	+0.93	...
Nth Amer	148.77	158.83	-0.21	1.81
Pacific Mkts	102.22	109.32	+0.57	0.32
Premier Inc	45.45	47.32	-0.08	5.18
Sm Cos	82.48	88.21	-2.16	1.76
Spec Sits	102.11	109.20	-1.60	2.18
UK Growth	113.71	121.61	-0.46	2.27
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent 0892 510 033				
British Life	283.90	301.30	-1.10	3.47
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD				
Bulman House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2555				
Managed	91.76	97.36	...	2.19
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4 Dealers: 071 280 5800				
FA America (Inc)	472.47	503.19	-0.29	0.40
FA America (Acc)	552.36	588.27	-0.34	0.40
FA UK Equity Inc	150.75	160.85	+0.12	3.49
FA Japan	271.26	288.79	+1.46	...
FA Major UK Cos	89.72	95.74	-0.48	2.30
FA Smllr UK Cos	278.00	302.09	-0.33	1.18
FA European	306.43	325.31	+1.02	0.41
FA Amer Smllr Cos	40.60	43.75	-0.18	...
FA Asia	50.78	54.48	+0.01	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	54.92	58.79	+0.22	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	89.85	94.57	-0.49	...
UK Smllr Cos	79.60	83.78	-0.10	...
UK Income	88.71	93.37	+0.07	...
America	94.86	99.84	+0.05	...
Japanese	59.61	62.74	+0.32	...
European	97.93	103.08	+0.33	...
Gilt	82.63	86.97	-0.16	...
Deposit	82.15	86.47	+0.01	...
Managed	93.68	98.55	-0.34	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	87.54	92.14	-0.47	...
UK Smaller Cos	77.82	81.91	-0.08	...
UK Income	86.58	91.13	+0.07	...
America	92.39	97.24	+0.06	...
Japanese	58.07	61.12	+0.31	...
European	95.43	100.44	+0.31	...
Gilt	81.82	86.12	-0.19	...
Deposit	78.23	82.34	+0.01	...
Managed	88.45	93.10	-0.39	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 6UE Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000 Dealing: 0733 395 000				
United States	70.19	75.07	+0.25	0.25
Pacific Basin	81.98	88.15	+0.15	...
High Inc Dist	121.40	129.80	-0.40	5.13
Ryl Life Int Cmy	55.85	59.38	-0.09	4.42
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	65.15	69.55	+0.16	0.028
Ryl Life Intl Spec	62.26	66.22	+0.09	...
UK Emerging Cos	123.00	132.90	-0.20	1.16
UK Index Trckg	155.60	165.80	-2.70	3.33
European	122.80	131.10	+0.10	0.29
Managed	139.80	150.30	-0.10	0.86
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 764 400				
American Growth	134.80	143.70	+0.70	0.30
European Growth	105.10	111.30	+0.40	0.80
Far East Growth	138.50	148.30	+0.60	0.11
Japan Growth	138.30	147.10	...	...
Special Sits	184.90	196.70	-0.20	1.50
UK Growth	72.19	76.79	-0.01	2.46
Trison General	228.30	242.90	+1.00	0.63
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS 041 307 6800				
Far East Inc	176.10	186.40	-0.40	0.13
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	337.00	356.60	-0.50	0.49
Growth Inc	127.90	135.30	-0.40	0.62
International Inc	331.90	351.20	-1.50	0.46
Nth Am & Intl Inc	302.10	319.70	-1.10	0.01
UK Gen Prog Inc	212.80	226.20	-0.40	1.44
UK High Inc Inc	128.00	135.90	+0.30	3.99
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DU 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	59.62	63.42	-0.18	...
Amer Smllr Cos	73.81	78.52	-0.41	...
Asian Gwth	114.39	121.69	+0.25	0.75
European Gwth	65.43	69.60	+0.25	1.00
Global Bd	56.31	59.74	-0.25	5.00
Global Eq	62.86	66.87	-0.07	0.50
Japanese Eq	57.37	61.02	-0.09	...
Japan Sm Cos	67.58	71.89	+0.11	...
UK Gen	51.79	55.09	+0.30	2.80
UK Gwth	55.78	59.27	+0.11	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	62.87	66.88	+0.42	4.56
Amer Smllr Cos	102.80	109.40	-0.30	...
Asian Smaller Cos	48.46	51.55	-0.28	...
Capital Portfolio	122.90	130.70	+0.30	2.20
Capital	156.30	166.30	...	0.65
Cash	124.80	124.80	...	4.89
China Dragon	61.27	65.18	+0.24	0.38
Commodity	137.50	146.30	-0.30	0.30
Eastern Discovery	106.80	113.60	-0.20	...
Energy Inds	124.30	132.20	+0.80	0.42
European Gwth	179.00	190.40	+1.40	...
Euro Inc & Gwth	72.88	77.53	+0.46	2.09
Euro Smllr Cos	50.86	54.11	-0.22	...
Financial Secs	190.90	203.10	-0.10	0.59
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	46.57	49.07	-0.15	9.12
Gold & Exploration	88.75	94.42	-0.21	0.23
High Return	216.60	230.40	+0.10	4.41
High Yield	216.00	229.80	+0.10	4.08
Income	113.60	120.80	-0.10	4.54
Intl Bond	153.30	161.90	+0.10	6.08
ITU	201.30	214.10	-0.20	1.07
Japan Growth	183.30	195.00	+0.70	...
Japan Smaller	208.70	222.00	+1.20	...
Korea	76.33	81.20	-0.41	...
Masterfund	54.73	58.22	-0.06	0.30
Scotbits	287.40	305.70	...	1.00
Scotshares	274.20	291.70	-0.30	2.57
Scotyields	228.80	243.40	...	3.88
Select Intl	138.80	147.70	-0.10	0.48
Smaller Cos Inc	240.50	255.90	-0.30	3.35
SE Asia	597.40	635.50	-4.40	...
Special Situation	116.50	123.90	-0.40	1.57
UK Equity	231.60	246.40	-0.20	3.04
UK Growth	60.09	63.93	-0.11	1.45
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	45.91	48.84	-0.02	0.72
US Growth	135.40	144.00	+0.50	0.43
Univ Growth	137.10	145.90	-0.20	0.78
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3000				
Retail Funds				
American	230.30	245.01	-0.06	0.88
European Gwth	70.24	74.78	-0.25	1.02
Euro Smllr Cos	73.35	78.23	-0.33	0.23
Far Eastern Gth	100.76	107.47	-0.33	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	48.32	50.96	-0.06	7.36
Global Bond	46.70	48.26	-0.01	6.57
Global Emer Mkts	57.45	61.28	-0.20	...
Income	333.52	355.79	+0.45	3.86
Japan Smllr Cos	513.88	548.13	-1.00	...
Japan Enterprise	72.75	77.59	+0.47	...
Pacific Gwth	135.10	144.10	-0.31	...
Seoul	54.91	59.25	-0.42	...
Smaller Cos	202.38	215.87	-0.14	1.05
Tokyo	127.40	135.89	+0.44	...
UK Enterprise	236.49	252.25	-1.09	2.83
UK Equity	226.08	241.15	-0.65	2.75
US Smllr Cos	145.81	155.53	-0.26	...
World Bd	77.18	82.32	-0.07	1.84
Institutional Funds				
European	222.05	231.30	-0.39	1.32
Euro Smllr Cos	28.42	29.60	+0.04	1.64
Global Equity Inc	75.25	78.38	-0.08	0.86
Japan Smllr Cos	40.80	42.50	+0.12	...
Mngd Balanced	178.93	186.38	-0.46	2.84
Overseas Equity	185.46	193.21	-0.04	0.75
Oseas Smllr Cos	122.80	127.91	-0.03	0.46
Pacific	255.63	266.28	+0.09	0.97
Recovery	£17.85	£18.59	-2.19	2.92
UK Index	146.86	152.97	-0.76	3.39
UK Small Cos	110.03	114.61	-0.20	2.72
US Smllr Cos	41.80	43.54	-0.06	0.49
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	46.71	49.75	-0.08	2.81
Equity Trust	57.41	61.14	-0.06	2.62
Equity Strategy	65.67	69.40	-0.13	1.96
European Opps	81.82	87.14	+0.50	0.99
UK Smaller Cos	60.11	64.02	-0.11	1.38
Maximum Inc	95.07	101.22	-0.07	5.87
Japanese	81.39	86.67	+0.34	...
Asia Pacific	128.20	136.55	-0.10	0.79
American	92.91	98.95	-0.32	0.71
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422				
Cash	50.57	[illegible]	-0.31	5.24
UK General Inc	48.59	51.82	-0.38	2.84
Intl Income	270.90	288.90	+0.37	1.01
European	75.95	80.26	+0.23	1.67
Japan	72.63	74.76	-2.40	0.07
American	61.19	64.32	[illegible]	1.92
Far East	91.45	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ethical Inc	[illegible]	30.82	-3.38	2.15
UK Blue Chip Inc	31.24	33.47	-3.19	2.90
High Inc Inc	34.33	36.42	-3.29	3.49
UK Global Inc	39.60	42.30	-2.34	1.57
Wwide Tact	73.36	[illegible]	+2.19	1.25
Europe 2000 Fact	51.25	54.42	+2.17	1.50
Technology	101.34	[illegible]	+0.40	1.51
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	361.90	398.40	-1.10	2.97
American	341.10	358.90	-0.50	0.46
Pacific	394.00	427.40	+1.30	0.49
European	512.90	549.60	-0.20	[illegible]
Worldwide	85.91	97.83	-3.07	0.75
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	259.50	276.10	-2.10	2.27
UK Slr Co Eq Inc	198.30	220.30	+0.20	1.62
Select Oppnty Inc	63.08	67.47	-0.39	2.17
Income Plus Inc	67.58	71.90	-0.08	4.08
European Inc	322.30	348.20	-0.20	1.15
Far Eastern Inc	177.20	188.60	+3.70	0.79
Japanese Inc	64.20	68.30	+0.25	
Nth American Inc	225.80	240.30	+0.40	0.64
Intl Growth Inc	197.70	210.40	+0.70	0.27
Wwide Venture Inc	77.30	82.24	+0.19	0.24
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 668 3724				
Equity Inc	341.70	364.40	-0.30	2.86
UK High Inc	171.90	183.30	+0.10	3.79
Europe Inc	346.20	369.30	-1.30	0.43
Nth Amer Inc	204.70	218.30	+0.30	0.20
Global Inc	197.00	210.10	-0.70	0.31
UK Spec Sits Inc	92.21	98.34	+0.10	2.93
South East Asia	235.30	251.00	-1.30	0.72
Cash Trust Inc	101.40	101.40	..	4.83
UK Smllr Cos Inc	99.91	106.60	-0.10	2.00
Intl Bond Inc	85.15	90.41	-0.10	5.90
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	141.00	149.10	-0.10	4.50
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO				
5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
European	116.90	123.00	+0.20	1.03
Nth American	93.93	98.57	+0.69	0.49
Intl Bond & Conv	119.80	126.10	-0.30	5.15
Pooled Pension (E)	177.90	191.30	...	2.28
Smaller Cos	69.18	72.82	-0.17	1.43
UK General	121.80	128.20	-0.50	2.18
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
21 New St, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 4226				
Amer Gth Funds	91.22	...	-0.97	0.0
Aztec	108.90	...	+0.40	0.0
European	118.40	..	...	0.0
Global Bonds	90.06	...	-0.23	7.94
Samurai	92.15	...	-0.36	0.0
UK Growth	100.00	..	-0.10	2.73
Tel Pass	105.90	...	-0.70	0.0
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS 071 637 5377				
American	271.90	287.60	...	0.16
Canadian	70.04	74.11	+0.27	0.57
Capital	120.90	129.50	-0.10	1.20
Cash	100.40	100.40	+0.01	5.16
European	127.90	135.30	+0.70	0.77
Far Eastern	170.20	180.10	+0.60	..
Growth	128.20	136.60	-0.80	1.03
Income	123.70	130.90	-0.10	4.85
Magnum	128.70	138.00	-0.20	1.19
Smllr Secs	363.50	384.60	-0.30	0.83
Thoroughbred	149.50	160.40	-0.20	1.07
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth 0202 298 422				
Cash	50.35	50.86	...	4.80
Charitd Prfmnce	53.87	57.46	-0.22	8.00
Ethical	52.96	56.33	-0.03	3.00
European Growth	69.45	74.08	-0.09	2.70
Income	53.20	56.74	-0.14	6.00
Intl Growth	94.80	100.90	+0.20	2.70
Managed	78.57	83.80	...	3.70
UK Growth	58.59	62.49	-0.13	3.50
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
PO Box 141 1 Tanfield Edinburgh EH3 5RG 0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	37.06	39.29	-0.10	1.74
Global Advtg Acc	39.51	41.89	-0.10	1.74
Income Advtg Inc	29.93	31.73	...	3.99
Income Advtg Acc	32.77	34.68	...	2.99
UK Equity Gth Acc	62.24	65.98	-0.10	1.39
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	48.15	51.16	+0.10	1.54
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	34.40	36.58	+0.10	4.18
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	42.62	45.29	+0.20	4.18
UK Equity Gen Acc	58.69	62.30	-0.10	2.40
UK Equity Gen Inc	43.97	46.09	...	2.43
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	28.81	30.47	-0.10	6.89
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	300.30	325.80	+1.30	1.61
Nth American Acc	41.55	44.15	+0.30	0.94
Far East Acc	69.60	73.96	+0.10	0.08
European Acc	49.59	52.60	+0.30	0.80
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
28 King Street, London SW1 6QW 071 344 7800				
Global A (S23)	3.779	4.014	-0.066	0.53
US Bds (US$)	2.376	2.521	...	0.69
Far East Equs (yen)	239.60	254.80	...	...
Japan Equity (yen)	262.03	278.30	...	...
FT Europe	118.80	126.20	...	1.58
FT N Amer (US$)	1.756	1.861	...	0.96
FT Japan (yen)	235.00	249.60	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap (US$)	2.604	2.765	...	0.77
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	336.30	358.70	+0.40	...
British	965.80	£10.23	+0.20	4.24
Emging Mkts	163.50	174.10	-0.90	..
European	512.50	548.00	-1.70	0.95
Japan	156.10	165.70	+0.20	..
New Pacific	393.30	419.40	+0.10	0.71
Inv Trust Acc	252.50	267.60	-0.30	1.35
Mngd Equity	165.90	175.50	-0.20	1.44
Mngd Cash	95.73	95.73	-0.01	4.93
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 399				
Equity	777.10	831.10	-2.70	3.47
North America	115.80	123.90	+0.30	0.91
Far East	153.60	164.30	+0.60	...
Wwide Bond	52.46	55.69	-0.13	5.50
European	97.85	104.40	-0.40	0.42
Equity Income	87.10	93.16	-0.05	5.22
Portfolio	81.84	87.53	-0.03	1.54
UK Leading Cos	56.78	60.40	-0.17	5.04
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Inntl Equity	66.80	71.44	-0.21	...
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THEATRE: A Stratford premiere for one of Britain's leading dramatists; Ayckbourn meets Broadway in Scarborough

History below the surface

Benedict Nightingale reviews the RSC's staging of a 'fascinating but flawed' new play by David Edgar

Pentecost
Other Place, Stratford

The other day I was in Thessaloniki, eating in a restaurant that had been a Byzantine church, was converted by Ottoman invaders into Turkish baths, and is now owned by descendants of the few Jews to have survived one of Hitler's most complete massacres. Beneath my feet there were doubtless Roman ruins, as there are all over the city and as there may well also be beneath the strange, fractured edifice in which David Edgar has set his fascinating if flawed new play. As he intimates, there are places where you feel that, if you push the ground too hard, you will end up knee-deep in marble, antique brick, torn skeletons and dried blood.

Deliberately, Edgar does not name the country where *Pentecost* occurs; but it is some way north of Thessaloniki and until recently under Soviet domination. It seems to be coping as badly with a market economy as it did with Communism. We have the word of a government minister, no less, that its industry is a junkyard and its currency confetti. And somewhere in its backwoods is a building that was successively a church, a mosque, an Orthodox church again, a Nazi jail, a Catholic church, a museum of atheism, a storehouse for potatoes — and may now be a key monument in the history of Western art.

That is because there is evidence that the fresco hidden beneath the painting of a smiling worker predates Giotto by a century, yet brings the same sense of perspective to a similar study of the lamentation of the Virgin over the dead Christ. Will the art books have to be rewritten, or is the thing a copy? And should it be left where it was found, or given pride of place in the national museum? Those are the questions entertainingly debated by two academics, Charles Kay's primly English Davenport and Linal Haft's brassily American Katz, with contributions from two priests, a neo-Fascist, and Glenn Hugill's laid-back Minister of Culture.

But aren't those questions a bit lacking in urgency for a heavyweight dramatist with (vide his *Shape of the Table*) a special interest in the fate of Eastern Europe? Well, they have their obvious ramifications. Indeed, the play sometimes seems likely to turn into a neo-Shavian argy-bargy, asking what's meant by culture, nationhood, West, East and other grand concepts. It is not until the second half that Edgar transforms those ideas into living, suffering people and brings them pell-mell onto Robert Jones's set.

History has not stopped. The church is about to be converted again, this time into a battle-site. On the face of it, this is preposterous. It is highly improbable that terrorists should appear from nowhere, and even odder that they should be a cross-section of the world's refugees. It is still barmier that they should think that by taking art experts hostage they can blackmail their way to respectable lives in Germany or the United States.

But do we protest when Shaw brings a band of brigands into *Man and Superman* who turn out to be social philosophers? Though Michael Attenborough's otherwise admirable direction fails to make it clear, we are no longer in a realistic play when Edgar's fighters chat, sing, and evoke the atrocities that have sent them into exile. What we are watching is a demonstration — less lucid, admittedly, than Shaw would have made it — of the tribal mess and muddle that is our world now.

But not merely a mess and muddle. I find it hard to believe, with Edgar, that a 12th-century Arab could be inspired by Islam to paint a proto-Renaissance fresco radiating Christian resignation. But I like the idea that human diversity and the complexities of history have their up as well as their down sides. That is surely why the play is called *Pentecost*. The disciples may have babbled away in different tongues, but they had rather a lot in common too.



DONALD COOPER

Charles Kay, Linal Haft and Jan Ravens debate the merits of a discovery that may or may not cause the history of Western art to be rewritten in David Edgar's new *Pentecost*

Cheers to a better life in America

Conversations with My Father
Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough

Presumably there is a small British seaside resort caught in time, bringing the traffic to a halt in Manhattan. Certainly, the Lower East Side has been transported to Scarborough. The Stephen Joseph Theatre is now the prewar equivalent of *Cheers* — a joint on Canal Street — for Alan Ayckbourn's polished, strongly cast production of Herb Gardner's 1992 Broadway hit: a wisecracking thought-provoking play about fathers and sons, aggro and anti-Semitism.

A circular carved wooden bar fills the stage, complete with embossed metal till. Some of the audience are tucked into booths (designer, Jan Bee Brown). The regulars are getting eccentrically soused, including tousled, white-bearded Bill Bailey (Yankee Nick) who thinks he is Santa Claus. There's a juke box in the corner and a moosehead on the wall. It's Independence Day, 1936 (then 1944), and the landlord has made the place look like a museum of Americana.

But Eddie Ross, half intolerable, half heroic (excellent Broadway original Judd Hirsch), almost huggable yet so pugnacious people duck away or learn to fight back, was born a Goldberg. He is a Russian Jewish émigré, even if he is obsessively eradicating his own history, apparently ignoring his lodger, a proudly Jewish actor, who searches out the tiny articles in the *New York Times* about the Holocaust (dignified, angered Trevor Martin).

Eddie's wife (Jane Bertish capturing hardened isolationism and uncrushed zest) is selectively deaf to her husband, persisting in singing in her native language to their second son. Baby Charlie is late finding his voice in spite of — or because of — Eddie's hilariously abrasive efforts to get him to repeat after him, gesticulating testily at an unresponsive pram.

Meanwhile, Father Christmas is downing shots with old Hannah Di Blindeh (blind Madeline Blakeney) who fled the pogroms, the persecution that explains Eddie's Americanisation as cover. When Jimmy Scalso (moustachioed John Guerrasio like the Hitler of Little Italy), scary and absurd in his cherry suit, tries to extort protection money with racist bullying, Eddie reasserts his identity by playing "hollering Hebes" on the Wurlitzer.

In 1976, adult Charlie (Michael Mears) has made a million writing about his father. Eddie had always discouraged Charlie's literary tendencies while encouraging his boxer-brother, who died sticking to his guns under Nazi fire. Now Charlie finds himself trying to get rid of his family legacy in turn. Yet haunted by the past, he watches it replayed, sometimes acting as translator of pithy Yiddish phrases.

These apart, the play might do without this frame. Charlie gets nostalgically schmaltzy. The second half goes slack, but the first switches tightly between the farcical and the frightening, and the play, combining a screwball soap with Jewish theatre, takes a timely politicised look at anti-Semitism in our century.

KATE BASSETT

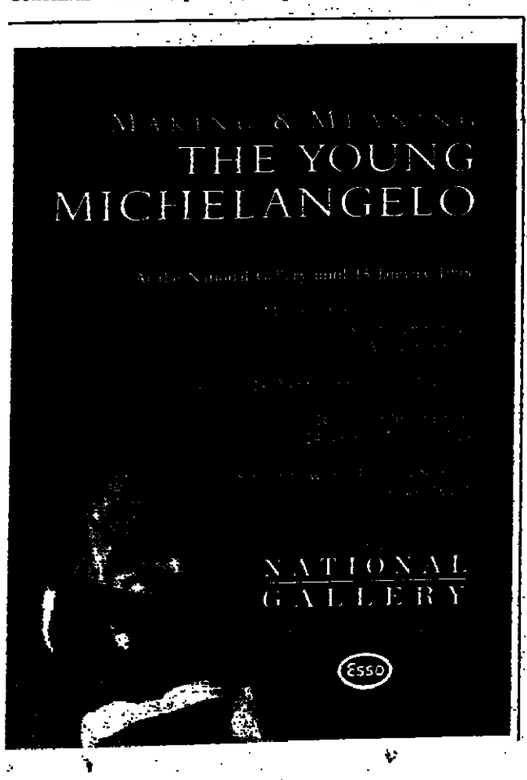
MUSIC: **Hilary Finch** talks to a conductor determined to discover the real Beethoven

Authentic inspiration

A quiet autumn morning at Nikolaus Harnoncourt's London flat, before the afternoon's rehearsal: unshaven, and in carpet slippers, the conductor is working with his violinist wife, Alice, painstakingly correcting inaccuracies in a score of Schumann's Violin Concerto.

Five minutes with Harnoncourt teaches you the true meaning of authenticity. As it happened, we never actually used the word — though it was difficult to resist for one brought up on the recordings he made in the 1950s and 1960s, with his Vienna Concentus Musicus, pioneering period-instrument performance of Bach and Handel. The pigeonholing was inevitable. But no one would now expect this cycle to be necessarily period-instrument Beethoven: Harnoncourt's award-winning recording of the symphonies with the Chamber Orchestra of Europe two years ago showed that authenticity was something else besides.

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Beethoven was not their repertory: they hadn't played it before and were a blank, receptive page for the working out of Harnoncourt's long and continuing search for Beethoven's authentic voice. But the Philharmonia, with the accretion of layer upon layer of ideas and habits from their long tradition of working with some of the most revered Beethoven conductors? Could he leap and dance where angels fear to tread?

"It isn't a problem: I'm an orchestral musician myself, so I understand what's going on. There *are* rhythmic subtleties which work well and are natural. But those which distort or destroy the form must be changed. If, for instance, a pause over a wind part has been put in 50 years after Beethoven, then it must go. But I have a duty to give my reason. I absolutely don't want to *correct*. After all, I respect the performances of the last 50 years as I feel my performances should be respected."

What matters to Harnoncourt is *to* understand why Beethoven has written something in such a way, and not differently. One of his abiding fascinations is with Beethoven's language and his knowledge of rhetoric. "Beethoven said no one could be a composer if he's not a master of the rules of rhetoric. We so often think of Beethoven as the first to *leave* the rules of the 18th century and make his own. But not He was the *last* composer to follow those rules. This is very important for the musicians to understand — or else no one in the audience will. No one knows any longer the order and form of an 18th-century funeral oration. But when Beethoven wrote the funeral march of the "Eroica", he followed an exact rhetorical form.



Harnoncourt: asking why Beethoven wrote as he did

"This rhetoric could, of course, be highly political, too. In the Fifth Symphony he combines rhetoric with agitation. And to bring out its danger, Beethoven added new instruments, never used in symphonic writing before: trombones, double-bassoons, piccolos. These are outdoor instruments — and he used them not to enrich the instrumentation, but to bring a new spirit into the symphony."

This leads us to a discussion of whether Beethoven's music really does have extra-musical meaning. "I think that throughout the 18th century, music, like architecture and painting, was regarded as a language. But the question is, does the composer want to *tell* a story, or is it important for him to be *inspired* by a story? It is reliably reported that before Haydn wrote a symphony, he would always make up his own story, using it as a source of inspiration, then throw it away.

"And Beethoven followed very exactly special chapters from his own library. For our time, it would be very helpful to know these sources, because we're now playing music in a different way: as it was played later, when it was not speaking any more but painting. Not, of course, spelled out in a programme note — I'd be very afraid of that. But if the musicians are interested, I tell them as much as I see. If I feel they're not really interested, I wouldn't even do that."

And the audience? How can our responses keep pace with and do justice to the vast compendium of knowledge and reference from the conversation-books of Beethoven, from contemporary literature, from the analyses and performances of the music of his predecessors which go together to make up a Harnoncourt performance?

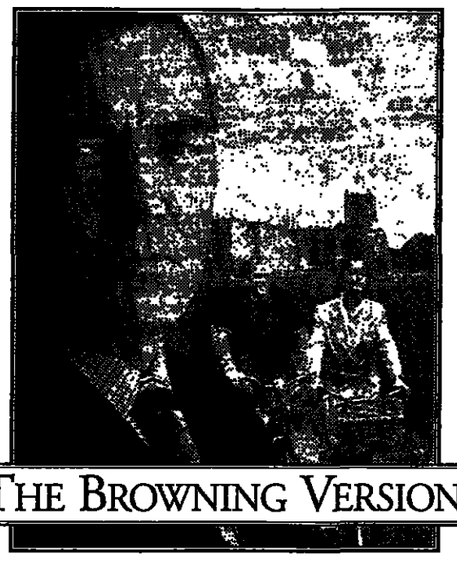
"I want the listener who goes to *all* the concerts — who'll take his bearings and make his connections from one symphony to another — having in mind, too, other performances he has already heard. To try to understand what, for Beethoven, art should be. Beethoven found the answer in his *Prometheus* ballet music. It was to be a reference for his whole life. He believed that art is the only thing which distinguishes humans from animals. Everything which is important for humanity comes from the divine kiss of the muses. It comes from God."

● *Nikolaus Harnoncourt's Beethoven cycle with the Philharmonia opens tomorrow at the Festival Hall (071-928 8800) with Symphonies Nos 1 and 3. The cycle continues in London and at Symphony Hall, Birmingham ((021-212 3333) until November 13*

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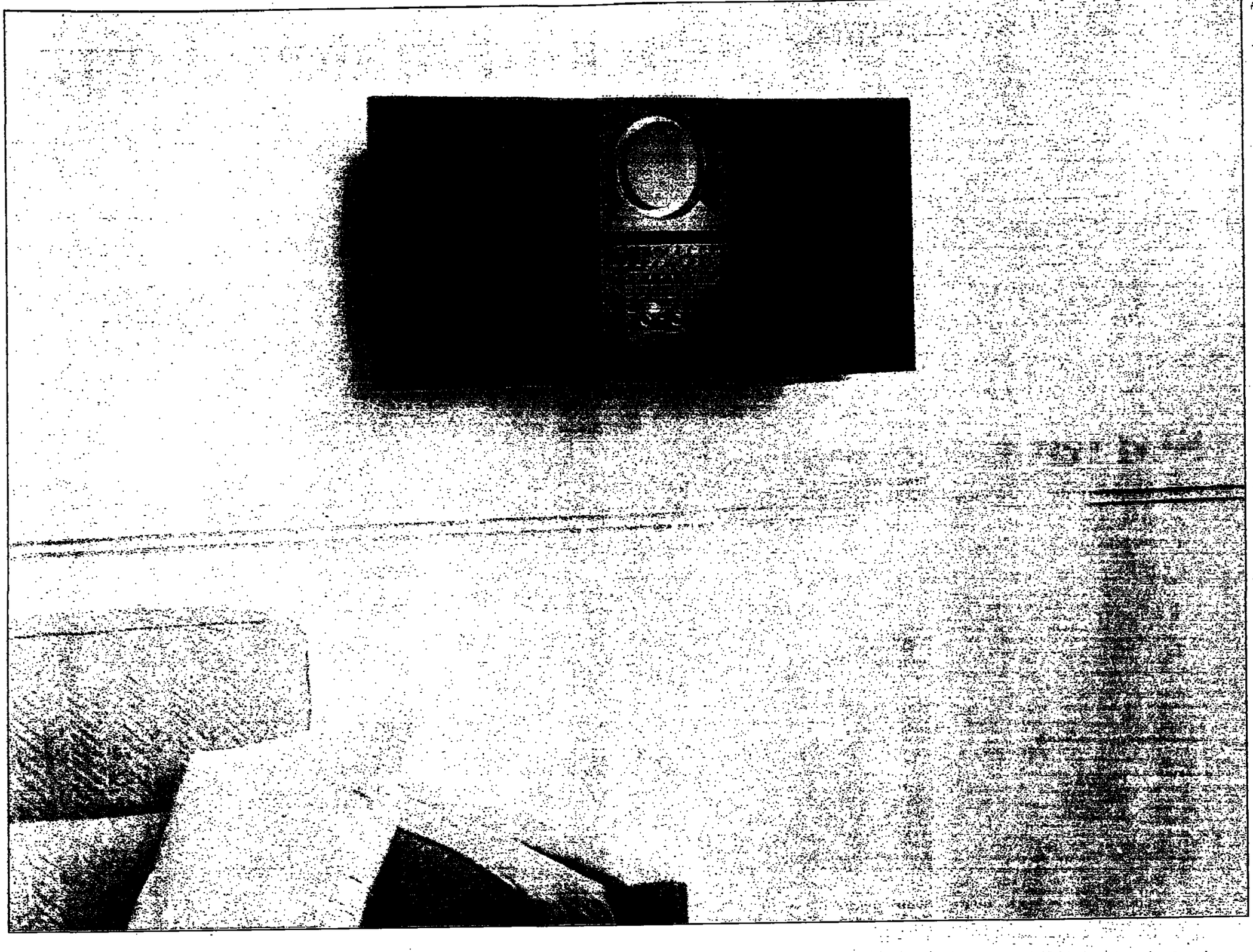


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Lack-of-material girl

NEW ALBUMS: The jig may be up for Madonna, says **David Sinclair**, if her latest collection of sex and sleaze is the best she can do



It's no good, Madonna. Lying on a bed and flashing come-hither looks won't make your new record any better

MADONNA
Bedtime Stories
(Maverick/Sire 9362-45767)
HAVING breached every bastion of good taste in her books, films, stage shows, interviews and previous albums, Madonna now finds herself with nothing left to expose. Further extremes of sensationalism are plainly beyond her reach, so with *Bedtime Stories* she tries to shine a softer, more romantic light on the all-important matter of her sex life, still the only subject she seems capable of addressing.

Unfortunately, this change of gear is clumsily effected and, at times, laughably unconvincing. Like Prince, who at 36 is her senior by a year, Madonna has allowed her talent as a lyricist to be so completely overshadowed by her enthusiasm for naughty words and lubricious imagery that her emotional range has become stunted.

By far the best song is "Secret", but its message — that "Happiness lies in your own hand" — is typical of the album's banal, schoolgirlish tone. Just to vary the theme a bit, "I'd Rather Be Your Lover", a scratchy, swingbeat duet with Me'Shell NdegéOcello, offers up the thought that "My happiness always lies in the palm of your hand".

Then it's on to the dubiously titled "Inside Of Me", complete with heavy breathing accompaniment (yawning, perhaps?), followed by the utterly dreadful "Human Nature", an inelegant litany of self-justification.

The album might have worked better if it had sounded, even for one moment, as if Madonna still had her heart in any of this nonsense. But, despite the best efforts of four producers — Nellee Hooper, Dallas Austin, Dave Hall and Babyface — there are few songs and fewer performances on *Bedtime Stories* that sound anything more than lukewarm.

JONI MITCHELL
Turbulent Indigo
(Reprise 9362-45786)
THE unflatteringly severe self-portrait that graces the cover of Joni Mitchell's new album signals the menopausal mood of her latest collection of songs. After a deceptively light-hearted opening track, "Sunny Sunday", about a woman who makes a habit of shooting guns at streetlights, she weighs in with "Sex Kills", the first of several songs decrying the sorry state of the world and the disproportionate amount of suffering endured by women, mostly at the hands of men.

This is a strand which has threaded its way through Mitchell's music since her eco-friendly hit of 1970, "Big Yellow Taxi", but here the social analysis is getting out of hand, and the woman who raised emotional introspection in popular music to the level of an art-form is in danger of sounding just like any other middle-aged moralist.

VICTORIA WILLIAMS
Loose
(Mammoth/Atlantic 7567-92430)
IN A cruel twist of fate, the first that many people heard of Victoria Williams was when a stellar cast of musicians including Pearl Jam, Lou Reed and Evan Dando recorded an album of her songs to defray the Louisiana-born singer's medical expenses after she was diagnosed as having multiple sclerosis. Called *Sweet Relief*, the album was released last year and, as well as raising the necessary funds, it drew welcome attention to an undervalued talent.

Solvent again, Williams returns to the fray herself with a varied and idiosyncratic collection of numbers ranging from the brassy roots-rock of "You R Loved" to the croaky, neo-vaudeville strangeness of "Happy To Have Known Pappy", with highly personalised versions of Louis Armstrong's "What A Wonderful World" and Spirit's "Nature's Way" thrown in for good measure. Various members of R.E.M., the Jayhawks and Soul Asylum are roped in to lend vocal and instrumental support, and the result is an intriguing album that is low on thematic coherence but big on heart.

SHUDDER TO THINK
Pony Express Record
(Big Cat ABB65)
WASHINGTON DC outfit Shudder To Think were one of the lesser known bands who contributed to the Victoria Williams benefit album, since when their profile has risen dramatically thanks to their inclusion on the last Lollapalooza package tour in America, not to mention singer Craig Wedren's disconcerting habit of sometimes performing naked on stage.

The music on *Pony Express Record* is militantly alternative. Crammed at every turn with unnatural-sounding chord changes, impossible time signatures, disorientating changes of tempo and impenetrable lyrics, tracks such as "Hit Liquor" and "Kissi Penny" lead the listener on a twisting trek towards the heart of some dark, terminal weirdness.

Imagine the vocals of Jack Bruce at his most outré and harness them to the heavyweight eccentricities of a band like Primus, and you have a couple of very approximate reference points. But this is essentially a journey without maps; not for everyone, certainly, but a compelling experience if you're in the mood for adventure.

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Symphonic Music of the Rolling Stones
(RCA Victor 09026 62526)
IS nothing sacred? The Rolling Stones are the only band of their vintage to have steadfastly refused to lend their name to anniversary celebrations, "farewell" tours, backslapping celebrity duets and all the other nostalgia-driven gimmicks that so often betray an act as a creatively spent force.

But here comes the first nail in the coffin, a "symphonic" collection of their "classic" songs that is so stunningly tasteless it verges on the comical. Some of the more obvious choices — "As Tears Go By", "Ruby Tuesday" and a syrupy version of "Angie" sung by Mick Jagger himself — do not sound too out of place. But it is difficult to convey in words what a jarring sensation it is to hear songs such as "Street Fighting Man", "Gimme Shelter" and "Jumping Jack Flash" arranged for a full symphony orchestra, while the mock-operatic treatment of "Sympathy For The Devil", featuring Jerry Hadley and the New London Children's Choir, is farcical.

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	Cross Roads — The Best Of	Bon Jovi (Jambco)
2	Bedtime Stories	Madonna (Maverick)
3	Monster	R.E.M. (Warner Bros)
4	The Return Of The Space Cowboy	Jamiroquai (Sony Soho Square)
5	No Need To Argue	Cranberries (Island)
6	Youthanasia	Megadeth (Capitol)
7	Steam	East 17 (London)
8	The Best Of	Chris Rea (East West)
9	Hold Me, Thrill Me, Kiss Me	Gloria Estefan (Epic)
10	Twelve Deadly Cyns	Cyndi Lauper (Epic)

Compiled by MRIB

CONCERT: New wave of headbangers

Metal as anything

Stone Temple Pilots
Brixton Academy

STONE Temple Pilots' second album, *Purple*, swept to the top of the American chart earlier this year, as intended, *David Sinclair writes*. Clearly catering for mainstream tastes, it lacked the edgy mystique of *Core*, their 1992 debut, and, along with Soundgarden, Alice in Chains and other American groups that surfaced in the wake of the grunge revolution, the San Diego quartet have become part of the New Heavy Metal establishment.

New Metal man dresses less flamboyantly than his headbanging forebears and wears his hair shorter (shaven off altogether in the case of singer Scott Weiland). His lyrics are more thoughtful (but every bit as gloomy), and he is not ashamed to show his sensitive side (as revealed during this set when the group switched to acoustic guitars and a set of bongos to play "Pretty Penny", "Creep" and an unlikely version of David Bowie's "Andy Warhol").

But in other respects there is now little to distinguish Stone Temple Pilots and groups like them from the unreconstructed monsters of heavy rock that have roamed the world's concert stages since the heyday of Led Zeppelin.

Emerging from a flickering wall of purple strobe lighting, they started with the neat, weighty riff of "Vasoline". The sound was powerful, but not as threatening to the architecture of the building as was expected. The bullish "Meatplow" found Weiland clinging to the microphone stand with both hands, his body convulsing as if there was a current passing through it, while behind him Eric Kretz bore down on his drums as if he was chopping wood rather than playing a musical instrument.

The lighting, stunningly designed to look as if the group was playing in a far bigger venue, complemented a skillfully paced set that balanced explosive rockers with the more reflective tone of their American hit "Big Empty" and the forthcoming single, "Interstate Love Song".

But for all its technical merit, there was little sense of adventure or daring about the performance, and only a couple of older songs, "Dead & Bloated" and "Sex Type Thing", slotted in as encores, enabled them belatedly to slip the leash.

NEW ALBUM

LAURIE ANDERSON



BRIGHT RED

"Bright Red is Anderson's best musical venture since her superb Big Science debut." **Q**

Anderson's peculiar approach seems more original, relevant, accessible and downright fantastic than ever before." **Mojo**

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WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

ROMÉO ET JULIETTE: Charles Mackerras conducts tonight's opening of Gounod's opera, performed here for the first time since the 1930s. Nicolas Joël directs; with Roberto Alagna and Leontina Vaduva as the lovers.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-304 4000). Tonight, 7pm.

☐ **THREE TALL WOMEN:** First night of previews for Maggie Smith, Frances de la Tour and Anastasia Hille as the women who haunted the childhood of Edward Albee. His Pulitzer Prizewinner, directed by Anthony Page.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-369 1736). From tonight, 8pm. Opens Nov 15, 7pm.

A CARNIVAL OF ANIMALS. An afternoon concert for the young or young at heart: tomorrow's programme features a menagerie of music on the theme of animals, from dinosaurs to ugly ducklings. Sian Phillips and Petroc Trelawny narrate the soundtrack for the new animated film *The Mousehole Cat*.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Sat, 3pm.

A WEEKEND AT THE WIGMORE: Richard Tognetti directs and is the solo violinist for tonight's programme of Haydn, Mozart, Sculthorpe and Janáček from the **Australian Chamber Orchestra**. Amanda Roocroft's recital tomorrow is sold out but on Sunday **Julian Joseph**, Freddie Hubbard and Alec Dankworth return for more of Joseph's acclaimed jazz series.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141). Tonight, 7.30pm; Sun, 7pm.

ELSEWHERE

GLASGOW: Nuria Espert's fine production of Puccini's *Madama Butterfly* is revived tonight for **Scottish Opera**. Sir Alexander Gibson conducts, Anne Williams-King sings Cio-Cio San and Seppo Ruohonen is Pinkerton. Dalydd Burne-Jones directs.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street (041-332 9000). Tonight, 7.15pm.

LIVERPOOL: A fascinating exhibit that needs little introduction opens today. **Face to Face: Three Centuries of Artists' Self-Portraiture** is a collection of 45 paintings, 11 drawings and etchings and one sculpture, all from the 17th to 19th centuries.
Walker Art Gallery, (051-207 0001). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm; Sun, noon-5pm. Until Jan 8.

MANCHESTER: Derek Deane premieres a new production of the ever-popular *Giselle* for **English National Ballet** this week. The action transfers from a medieval Rhineland village to a Swiss hotel in the 1920s, with the heroine transformed from a simple peasant girl to a chambermaid. Susan Jaffe dances the title role tonight, Lisa Pavane takes over tomorrow and Tuesday.
Palace, Oxford Street (061-242 2503). Tonight-Nov 1, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm.

Also in Manchester this weekend, Stanislaw Skrowaczewski conducts the **Hallé Orchestra** for a programme of works by Weber, Tchaikovsky and Dvořák. Norwegian violinist Arve Tellefsen is the soloist.
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street (061-834 1712). Sun, 7.30pm.

BIRMINGHAM: Cellist Ulrich Heinen joins Simon Rattle and the **CBSO** for a performance tomorrow of Haydn, Schumann and Brahms. For some light-hearted theatre, the **Reduced Shakespeare Company** gives another performance of its *Abridged Shakespeare*: a hilarious romp through all 37 plays in just about 90 minutes.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (021-212 3333). Sat, 7pm; **Rep**, Broad Street (238 4455). Sun, 7.30pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: A Bitter Truth. Avant-Garde Art and the Great War (071-638 4141) **British Museum:** Pre-Raphaelite Drawings (071-636 1555) . . . **Courtauld:** Conrad Felixmuller, final week (071-873 2526) . . . **Hayward:** The Romantic Spirit in German Art 1790-1990 (071-928 3144) . . . **National Portrait Gallery:** The Sitwells (071-306 0055) . . **National Gallery:** The Young Michelangelo (071-839 3321) . . . **Royal Academy:** The Glory of Venice; The Painted Page (071-439 7438) . . . **Tate:** Whistler; Sculptors' Drawings, final week (071-887 8000) . . **V & A.** Kalighat: Indian Popular Painting 1800-1930 (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

■ **DESIGN FOR LIVING:** Clive Owen, Paul Rhys and Rachel Weisz in Coward's defence of the ménage à trois. A lot of fun though Sean Mathias trumpets the bisexuality where Coward only hinted.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **THE DEVIL'S DISCIPLE:** Christopher Morahan's excellent staging of Shaw's study of honour, true and hypocritical, in the American War of Independence. Strong performances from, among others, Richard Bonneville, Paul Jesson, Daniel Massey.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Mon, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm.

☐ **MOSCOW STATIONS:** Tom Courtenay's one-man performance as an alcoholic lost on the Moscow Underground. You probably won't see finer, more touching acting this year.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

☐ **NEVILLE'S ISLAND:** Tony Slattery heads a strong cast playing a quartet of businessmen disastrously lost in the fog during a team-building exercise in Lakeland. Jeremy Sams directs Tim Firth's shrewd play.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Wed, 2.30pm; Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm.

☐ **ON APPROVAL:** Peter Hall gives us the Lonsdale play as it was and is: a sophisticated, diverting but relatively sexless piece. Martin Jarvis is in brilliant form, with Anna Carteret, Louise Lombard and Simon Ward.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

☐ **ONCE ON THIS ISLAND:** Splendidly executed production of the hit Broadway musical: showbiz and Caribbean folk-tale proves to be a successful marriage, terrific island sets.
Island (formerly the Royalty), Portugal St, WC2 (071-494 5090). Mon-Fri 8pm; Sat, 6pm, 8.45pm; mat Wed, 3pm.

☐ **THE PRIME OF MISS JEAN BRODIE:** Patricia Hodge plays the inspirational but dangerous schoolteacher in a revival of an old favourite. Alan Strachan directs.
Strand, Strand, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG:** Greenwich Theatre's production of Wendy Wasserstein's too cosy tears 'n' laughter drama. Three sisters (Maureen Lipman, Janet Suzman and Linda Bellingham) seek happiness.
Old Vic, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **THE SLAB BOYS TRILOGY:** A revival of the plays of John (*Tuttie Frutti*) Byrne. The lives of three hopefuls from youth to middle age, struggling to avoid a lifetime in a Paisley carpet factory.
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). In rep or as a Sat marathon.

◩ **THE STREET OF CROCODILES:** Theatre Complicite's much-toured evocation of the tales and times of Bruno Schulz. Skilful, intriguing and greatly enjoyed by many.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-930 7765). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 3.30pm. Until Nov 4.

■ **THE VENETIAN TWINS:** Michael Bogdanov's knockabout production loses some of Goldoni's comedy. David Troughton plays both twins.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Fri-Sat, 7.15pm; Sat, 2pm.

☐ **WHAT A PERFORMANCE:** David Suchet shows off well as he rougs and flounces as Sid Field in William Humble's stage biography.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Arcadia:** Haymarket (071-930 8800) ■ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) . . . ◩ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ■ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) . . . ☐ **Copacabana:** Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) . . . ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) . . . ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ■ **Grease:** Dominion (071-416 6060) . . . ◩ **An Inspector Calls:** Aldwych (071-836 6404) . . . ☐ **Lady Windermere's Fan:** Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ■ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ■ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) . . . ◩ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . . ☐ **She Loves Me:** Savoy (071-836 8888) . . . ■ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ◩ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi (071-344 0055) . . . ☐ **The Winslow Boy:** Globe (071-494 5065) ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

THE BROWNING VERSION (15): Solid, unspectacular version of Rattigan's play, with Albert Finney as the classics teacher facing retirement. With Greta Scacchi, Matthew Modine and Julian Sands. Director, Mike Figgis.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

FEAR OF A BLACK HAT (18): Juvenile rap music spoof that runs out of jokes and steam. Rusty Cundieff writes, directs and co-stars.
Electric (071-792 2020) **Metro** (071-437 0757)

◆ **MAJOR LEAGUE II** (PG): Unwanted, dull sequel to the baseball comedy hit. With Tom Berenger and Charlie Sheen; director, David S. Ward.
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

RAPA NUI (12): Exotic adventure filmed on Easter Island. Foolish but fun with Jason Scott Lee and Esai Morales. Director, Kevin Reynolds.
Plaza (0800 888997) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **THE ADVENTURES OF PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT** (15): Two drag queens and a transsexual get stuck in the Australian outback. Joyful and vulgar romp with Terence Stamp and Hugo Weaving.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER** (12): Harrison Ford fights Government duplicity and Colombia's drug cartels. The best Jack Ryan adventure so far.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

◆ **THE CLIENT** (15): Mediocre version of John Grisham's thriller about a boy in jeopardy, with Susan Sarandon, Tommy Lee Jones and Brad Renfro.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **FORREST GUMP** (12): Endearing if indulgent odyssey through post-war America, ideal for baby boomers. With Tom Hanks. Director, Robert Zemeckis.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Baker St** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Rd** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

LADYBIRD LADYBIRD (18): Volatile mother versus social services. Emotionally devastating drama from Ken Loach, based on a true story.
Lumière (071-836 0691)

◆ **THE LION KING** (U): African lion cub almost loses his father's throne. Much hyped but charmless Disney cartoon, not meant for tiny tots.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Sq** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Screen/Baker St** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE MASK** (PG): Strange mask turns mild bank employee into a wisecracking demon. Inventive vehicle for rubber-faced Jim Carrey.
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◆ **PULP FICTION** (18): Quentin Tarantino's flamboyant crime epic weaves together three tales from the LA underworld. With John Travolta, Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson.
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Three steps to rock'n'roll heaven: (clockwise from left) the cool of Janis Joplin, the instant street cred of a Ford Transit, the delights of fast food

How to brew a rock'n'roll stew

Pop idols are made, not born — and this is what they are made of. Put the ingredients (except No 5) on your shopping list now!

Some people have it that John Lee Hooker was one. Others would argue it was harmonicas. Still others would drag out a soap-box, stand on it, and insist, "It was drugs," in high and very irritating voices. My father thought it was himself.

Opinions are, as may be seen, divided as to what the Founding Stones of the great Rock'n'Roll Palace are: which inventions, moments and people have made rock the gorgeous, bloody-nosed, snorting beast it is today. Judging by the state of the charts, with Take That permanently at No 1, it would appear we could quite safely put buttock-less trousers on the list as well. But is there any way we will ever know *the full, true list of Founding Stones?*

Yes. Here it is:

1) Fast-food joints the world over, with *particular mention for the Burger King* in Camden High Street. The Kids have, from time immemorial, wanted to hang with the gang, cruise the mean streets of Telford, and drop by some liquor-serving establishment to maybe shoot a little pool, relax, and drink pints with whisky chasers. Unfortunately, pub and bar owners do not want gaggles of speccy little kids with barely a pubic hair between them cluttering up the lounge bar and getting throwing-up drunk on half a shandy, and tend to enforce this *decision with laws, bouncers and large* dogs. So the Kids hang out at fast-food joints and all-night service stations, sharing one drink between them and plotting how to take over the world. This usually includes forming a band. In fact, the only bands *not* formed like this were The Smiths, who were all vegetarian; and Pink Floyd, who had rich parents and could afford to take each other out to dinner on Mummsy's gold AmEx.

The Burger King on Camden High Street, by the way, has a jukebox stocked with Manic Street Preachers, "Eight Miles High" by the Byrds, and old Wire singles. *And* a smoking section. Very encouraging.



CAITLIN MORAN

2) Kindly uncles. Whenever pop biographies are written, *Chapter Two, after all the guff about how young Billy/Hooligan/MC Cool Dude's parents were dispos*sessed Russian nobility, always focuses on a Kindly Uncle, who teaches the young pop star how to play the spoons, has an old accordion on which he plays interminable sea-shanties, and buys the future star his/her first guitar before dying at about the time our hero gets his/her first lover. Kindly Uncles are the raw material from which the Rolling *Stones, Nirvana and David Bowie* sprang. NB: Kindly Uncles can come in a variety of guises — for instance, *John Lennon's mother, Julia, was a* Kindly Uncle.

3) White Ford Transit vans, usually with the paint scraped off one side due to some creative driving, and the words "Clean Me" written, rather sadly, in the dirt on the back window. The ownership of one of these by a family *member means that the forming of a* band is compulsory. Conversations tend to go: "We could tour in the van, and sleep in it to save hotel bills; there's plenty of room!"

What follows is four weeks of cramped, sweaty, drunken hell, with violent map-reading arguments, Vomiting Out of the Window games and enough misery to inspire a whole album of homesick, lovelorn songs. "*Gimme Shelter*" was about touring in a Transit van. Probably.

4) Acne and/or chickenpox scars. To cover these, pubescent rock stars grow long, straggly, anti-establishment hair and shock all decent people by the way it touches the tops of their collars. The Beatles all had very bad acne. Probably. I'm only guessing.

5) Drugs. Yes, all right.

6) *Janis Joplin. She rocked like a* telegraph pole in a hurricane, she was 20 times harder and cooler than any man. Punk was invented because boys felt shown up by her, and tried to go one better. But a lot of punk was rubbish, whereas Janis was always cool. Even when puking her guts up and dying from a heroin overdose.

7) The invention of the electric guitar. Too obvious to be mentioned, really; but there's always someone who writes in and moans about these things.

8) Thunderbird Red/Blue. If you look very, very carefully on the shelves of a high-class liquor store, you won't find Thunderbird. This is because Thunderbird is only available from strange, out-of-the-way off-licences, usually situated by a round-about on the flyover out of town. Thunderbird is the Devil's *Drink* — three shots and you start looking for tables to dance on; six shots and you accuse your grandmother of spilling your pint/looking at your bird; and offer her the chance to sort it out outside, now, man to gran.

All bands play their first gig out of their minds on Thunderbird. This is why the lead singer believes he can dance, and the bass player thinks it's a good idea to start duck-walking across *the stage. During the love-song.*

9) The Devil. Rock'n'roll is apparently his music, and he writes all the best tunes. *Hey,* thanks for the American Music Club album, Satan!

10) Mothers. All rock'n'roll is done to prove someone's mother wrong. The scene: 1964. America. "You spend all day lying around, talking to your friends on *my* phone; going out and getting drunk with them, coming home at I-don't-know-*what* time, and mooning on about your guitar. When are you going to get a proper job?"

"*Hey mom, chill. I'm the Lizard* King. I'm going to go upstairs now and write 'The End'. *Then* you'll be sorry."

'Twas ever thus.

The dream-makers return

In June I wrote, somewhat prematurely, about a track called "The Time Has Come" by U.N.K.L.E./ Howie B. "Like music heard *through a dream," I thought* at that time. Now an album has appeared under the name of *Skylab*, and the *image* seems appropriate again.

"Sea Shell" begins with the spoken line — "I put a sea shell in my ear and it all comes back" — and the music which follows is a languid reggae groove, slightly reminiscent of "Je t'aime" but embellished by ethereal *1960s-style siren voices* and some floating strands of violin. The connection between the album and "The Time Has Come" is no coincidence. Common to both records is Howie B, one-time film soundtrack mixer for Nicolas Roeg and collaborator with Nellee Hooper (of Soul II Soul and Björk success).

Other card-carrying members of Skylab are Mat Ducasse, owner of the original Skylab recording studio, plus Kudo and Toshi of Love TKO. The latter pair were once part of Melon, a flawed but interesting mid-1980s Japanese band with a love of *hip-hop and the exotic easy* listening music of Martin Denny and Les Baxter.

Some of the incredibly strange Denny/Baxter genre resurfaces on "Next", a lush but creepy piece. One of the deadliest weapons in Skylab's armoury is the twangy guitar, which adds extra spookiness to "Next" and warps the Shadows out of shape on "Deport".

Although this is manifestly a studio album, *Skylab* create an atmosphere of campfire jamming by using acoustic instruments alongside the electronics and a rough-and-ready approach to composing and recording. How many more remarkable albums can be released before the end of the year?

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A village for the future

Paul Penrose on KC3, an ambitious social engineering experiment using telecommunications technology

Kington, nestling snugly in the hills straddling Wales and Herefordshire, is an unlikely model for the "village of the future". With its familiar looking high street and odd melange of family-run shops, this small market town, at first glance appears much like any other tranquil backwater.

It is only upon arriving at No 2, the high street, with its promotional window display, that the casual visitor has the first inkling that all is not what it might seem in Kington.

Among those posing for the photographic display are local curate, Graham Sykes, preparing his weekly sermon on an electronic notepad; farmer Richard Hammond, also using an electronic notepad to compile on-the-spot livestock records; optician Chris Coates, using a portable computer to update patient records between his three rural surgeries, and the local bobby, PC Moss, pictured tuning in to an electronic crime desk linked to neighbourhood schools.

No 2 the High Street is the headquarters of the Kington Connected Community Company — or KC3 — the nerve centre of a benevolent experiment in social engineering pioneered by Apple Computers, BT, the Department of Trade and Industry and the Rural Development Commission (RDC).

The thinking behind the initiative was to see how new technology could be used to breathe life into declining rural economies. Kington, selected from 12 competing villages, became the overnight beneficiary of £450,000 worth of free hardware, software, telephone and associated support services.

Apple had already sponsored a similar scheme in the small American town of Jacksonville, Oregon, in 1990 with some success. But the British project was more ambitious, using the very latest in telecommunications technology to tie all the equipment together in a thriving, connected community. Local residents were to decide how the kit was used and a technical support manager was to implement their ideas.

That was a year ago. Today, Kington is still struggling to come to terms with its inheritance. The community spirit which helped launch the initiative has been replaced by a weary scepticism.



Chris Coates, optician, updates patient records

The telecentre in the high street, the public face of the project, has the air of a body under siege. The project partners, despite their obvious good intentions, have appeared aloof and distant. A number of schemes at the heart of the Kington bid failed to get off the ground.

A new business plan, drawn up by an external consultancy to give the project a sense of direction, has drawn fire for emphasising a commercial imperative and ignoring the social remit. Far from connecting the community, KC3 has driven it apart.

"The four partners should have been clearer in their minds as to exactly how the project was going to be managed, rather than dumping the kit and then leaving the community to get on with it," says one observer who was involved at the inception of the scheme. "It's not possible to do that in a community because there are always disparate views and interests. Ultimately, it never won the confidence of the people on the ground."

The RDC's decision, six months in, to commission a fresh business plan reflected a growing concern that the project was floundering. Commitment to the plan, which envisages KC3 becoming self-financing after three years, guaranteed renewed funding, but it further split the community. The arrival in Kington of besuited consultants has angered those who believe that the original ideal of creating a community-led resource has been spurned.

Dominic Bourton is the new manager of the high-street telecentre, recruited after the business plan was approved by the KC3 board. He argues that it was unrealistic to assume that Kington would instantly be transformed into the 21st-century village. "I'm sure there are people around who feel alienated as it's not what they wanted or not what they expected. But, I think on average, we have made a difference locally."

He points to projects which have drawn in the community, such as the popular "family time" on Saturday mornings, when parents and children can come in and try out the computers, and the development of a series of bulletin boards and electronic-mail conferencing schemes, providing confidential advice lines and an information-swapping forum for clubs.

The crime desk is another KC3 initiative, providing computerised links between local schools and the Leominster police, for the exchange of confidential information on bullying, drugs, stolen bikes and other issues.

On the commercial front, the company is working with a tourism consortium to develop a push-button tourist information point for the area: if successful the service may be exported nationwide. The company is also in the pilot stages of a project to bring an automated job centre to town. A modem link with the Herefordshire job centre will be used to download the latest vacancies, allowing local job seekers to view new opportunities as they arise, and save on transportation costs.

"The company has only been going a year, in the middle of rural nowhere, and to expect it to please every sector of the community in that time is a little unreal. The kit looks fantastic, but kit on its own is not a magic wand," says Mr Bourton.

"Within a year we have achieved a lot, but before people pass judgment on whether or not it's been a good idea, they should give us a bit more time."

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Graham Sykes, curate, prepares his weekly sermon on an electronic notepad

Invest now, repent later

It is early days on the information highway, warns a new report

Plans by BT for a video-on-demand service are a "sure loser" according to a report published this week by Inteco, a research consultancy.

If the research is borne out, BT will have a nasty suprise in store for the service which plans to offer customers the ability to choose from hundreds of films and other programmes sent over an ordinary telephone line that is connected to a television set.

"The technology is unproven and BT is adopting a revolutionary rather than evolutionary approach," says Miles Thistlewaite, joint project manager for the study, which is based on interviews with 11,000 people in Britain, France, Germany and Italy.

It looks at how interested we are likely to be in superhighway and multimedia services such as video on demand, home shopping, online information services and other "interactive" products.

Commissioned on behalf of more than 30 companies, including PC manufacturers, telecom operators, cable companies and high-street retailers, the study warns that in Europe, at least, the much-touted information superhighway, will not take hold until the next century.

"Organisations pumping millions into the infrastructure to support the information highway — notably the telephone and cable companies — are likely to lose a lot of money in the short term," the study says.

Mr Thistlewaite draws a parallel with the railway boom of the last century when lots of companies rushed headlong into investing and into bankruptcy. "There were some big winners among the early railway entrants, but it took many years before big money was made."

While predicting a rosy future for PCs, where Inteco predicts half of all British households will own one within six years, the study confirms what most people have already concluded — that games consoles are on the way out. Prospects are poor, it says, for dedicated multimedia "players" such as CD-i, and 3DO while those for the PC based CD-Rom are extremely good.

Multimedia players are really "for households that cannot afford a PC," says Mr Thistlewaite. "But we believe that, with prices falling, PC's will get into a suprising number of homes, especially where there are children."

The study identifies those wanting films, sports and to study seriously as the best potential buyers for multimedia services. Other applications such as video on demand, online information services and home shopping interest consumers, but are unlikely to prompt people into subscribing.

Unlike televisions and telephones, multimedia products and services are not heading for all households. "Markets will saturate relatively quickly —



some markets as low as 8 per cent pentration — which means that timing of market entry will be critical," Mr Thistlewaite says.

And, it predicts, the PC rather than the television set will be the focus for most multimedia services. "The clear message of the research is that people will be most ready to pay for services centred on the PC."

But before PC manufacturers start celebrating too much, Mr Thistlewaite also notes that the industry's emphasis on making multimedia PCs easy to use may have been overdone.

"It is demand, rather than ease of use, that is the critical factor," he argues. "Potential users are already PC literate and will adapt to new equipment. Technofear is a thing of the past."

MATTHEW MAY

● Multimedia in the Home *is published by Inteco, based in Woking, Surrey. It is available in modules looking at different multimedia applications or individual countries. Prices range from £5,000 to £25,000 for the full study.*

Japanese industry exposed

JAPANESE industry is dangerously over-exposed to eavesdroppers picking up radio waves from personal computer networks and decoding them, according to a government report that has raised fears for the security of sensitive information.

A report by the Japanese Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications — leaked to the *Nihon Keizai Shimbun* newspaper, which published details this week — said radio waves emitted by personal computer networks, and even printers, posed a security risk.

The fear is that spies, industrial or military, could intercept and decode them. Defence forces in the United States and Western Europe have developed some answers and are searching for better ones.

But Japan's low-profile military is not prepared to lead a national security effort, raising fears that Japanese industry could be left exposed.

American and European military research indicates that it is often possible to intercept and analyse waves up to 100 yards away from a computer. Ways of alleviating the risk can be expensive, the report said, adding that computers could be put in an insulated room or fitted with scrambling devices so they could not be understood.

Who will help if your PC packs up?

Many computer users are still left high and dry. **Sean Hallahan** looks at moves to repair the situation

Getting a PC in the home repaired is largely a matter of sticking a pin in the *Yellow Pages* directory and hoping to find someone reliable. The growth of what the computer industry describes as Soho — computers used in small offices or at home — has meant that an increasing number of PC users are isolated if their systems go wrong.

Some of the more reputable manufacturers provide a three-year warranty on machines; and inevitably it is the older machines that begin to fail. But for the layman, even a minor failure can be a nightmare. The most common problems, according to Steve Greenwood, proprietor of Direct Computer Maintenance, based in Radlett, Hertfordshire are with hard discs and monitors.

"The majority of calls I get are from people saying my hard disc will not boot up, my monitor is dead or I cannot get my printer to work under Windows," he says.

The growth of the PC mail-order business has also led to a new range of problems. "Quite often a mail-order computer will arrive on a doorstep in three large boxes with full multimedia features, and the customer is left to set it up," Mr Greenwood says. "In one case the customer had connected the system correctly but still could not get it running and there was no card in the boxes telling her where she could get assistance."



Steve Greenwood: the typical Soho maintenance man

Technical support from the mail-order companies is getting better but the absence of simple instructions or telephone helpline numbers is still all too common. The result is the extra expense of calling out an independent repair company.

Mr Greenwood's advice to users looking for outside help is to make sure they know what they are buying. "The customer should ask what the call-out rate is and exactly what that covers. He should also ask for a plan of action and time scales for how and when a problem should be fixed."

Mr Greenwood's call-out rate is £35 for the first half hour. If the problem cannot be fixed on the premises he will take the system back to his workshop for repair. "I am the typical Soho maintenance man," he says. "I am willing to go to a home after working hours when both partners are home and look at the machine."

Alan Jay, the editor of the PC User Group's monthly magazine, says that finding a good maintenance service is difficult. "The problem with *Yellow Pages* is that it is very difficult to tell a good maintenance company from a bad one," he says. The PC User Group, whose 10,000 members pay £40 a year, has its own support service which members can ring and get advice on how to fix problems. But the organisation stops short of formally recommending maintenance companies. "In London we tend to know a lot of people and can often give unofficial advice but once you go further afield it becomes more difficult," Mr Jay says.

"For a lot of our members the majority of the problems are fairly simple ones, the most common being a hard disc failure," he says. "But a lot of people do not have a set-up program — the piece of software that allows a user to set the parameters for the system in use. We have managed to get hold of a shareware set-up program that we will send out to members for £6."

The larger PC manufacturers are well aware that the number of support calls they have received have increased over the last two years as the PC's attractiveness to small firms and people at home has grown.

Compaq, one of the largest suppliers in Britain, set up a customer-care service a year ago, to answer queries and advise customers on where to get their machines repaired — it directs them to one of the five maintenance companies it uses.

Mr Jay advises that not all systems are worth repairing. "If you have a problem that is going to cost £300 or more to fix then you could already be a third or more of the way to the cost of a new machine, and it may be worth replacing the old one with a new, more powerful model."

The problem is that the inexperienced user will not know what the cost is until he has an expert to check it out — and that means finding such an expert.

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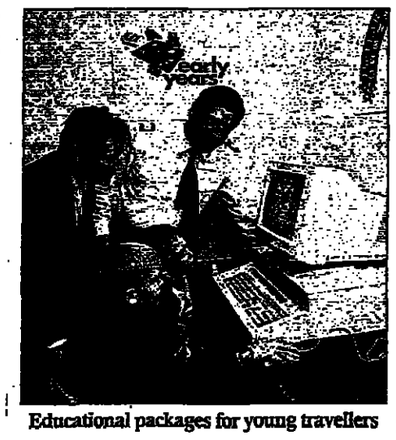
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The personal computer is coming to the aid of passenger ferries fighting competition from the Channel Tunnel, *writes David Hewson*. P&O is installing Acorn PCs with a range of educational software in the children's play areas of its ferries on the Portsmouth-Le Havre routes.

If the experiment proves a success, PCs with school-type software and interactive travel services could become a feature on more of the lines' long-haul crossings.

Children can use the two Acorn PCs on each ferry to play a variety of entertaining educational packages. Acorn, the originator of the BBC computer family, maintains a strong share of the UK's schools computing market and is trying to increase its presence in the mainstream PC arena.

The partnership with P&O will also see cross promotions between the two companies, with free children's tickets on the ferries while Acorn's hand-held computer, the Pocketbook II, will be sold in P&O's duty free shops.



Educational packages for young travellers

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Writing does not end with the program, says **David Guest**. The manuals and documentation are integral

Undervalued, not understood

One of the opening lines of code in a Cobol program asks the programmer to identify him or herself. It says: "Author:"

A Cobol program is as distantly related to anything an author might produce as can be imagined. There are, however, two ways in which programmers are called on to perform more conventional writing duties — documentation and technical manuals.

Documentation is the description that should be produced with every program, so that programmers called on to maintain the program can find their way around it. Manuals are usually intended for the people who will use the program.

Both are Cinderella occupations. To most programmers, documentation is a chore that follows the interesting part of the work — coding. Manuals are often seen as a cost, in contrast to the program itself, which should be a revenue generator. As a result the exercise is undervalued.

Sarah Melcher, runs The Write Solution, a company which specialises in documentation. She believes that the practice of technical authoring is now so seriously undervalued — and badly done — that the performance of systems is being put at jeopardy. She has also seen perfectly competent IT professionals reduced to frustration and demoralisation by the impenetrability of technical literature.

Ms Melcher has worked with the international standards certification processes that are supposed to assure software quality. "People pull out their books, read them and say: 'What am I supposed to do?' They might ask their managers, but not always, because they are afraid to appear technically ignorant," she says.

"The managers themselves are worried that they might look as though they are not managing. So you have a situation where there is a huge belief in quality assurance at top management level and as it filters down to the staff it gets washed away."

Those are the symptoms, she says; the illness is that documentation "is written by people not trained to write professional and process documentation".

Is there an opportunity here for IT specialists to move into a new niche? "It is beginning to happen," says Geoff Quentin, managing director of London-based training specialist Quality Computer Courses. "Last week I met a person who I'd last seen a couple of years ago on a course. Although her employer wanted her to continue in programming, she had taken a deliberate step to change her career to be a tester and process writer."

Some retraining is necessary and an aptitude for English is a useful starting point, but other skills are important. Ms Melcher says an appreciation of cognitive learning is central. Mr Quentin points out that intimate knowledge of IT is not vital: "When you're documenting a process for quality, it doesn't matter whether it's cheese or a computer system".

Software quality is a growth area but a move into process documentation might not pay immediate dividends. Writers of documentation in general are undervalued. "There is a basic lack of understanding about the power of good documentation," Ms Melcher says.

How undervalued are technical authors? Recent advertisements have not specified salaries: one, in a group of vacancies that promised up to £35,000 for software specialists and £30,000 for engineers, merely said: negotiable for technical authors. A consultant specialising in the field said that around £15,000 was not unusual.

Perhaps for this reason, and perhaps because companies do not always distinguish between different types of documentation, there is some scepticism about formal measures of software quality.

Certification is provided abroad by the International Standards Organisation and in the UK by a kite-mark equivalent, an increasingly common requirement from companies doing business with software suppliers. But doubts about the value of certification remain, and are likely to be overcome only if companies can satisfy themselves that it means what it says.

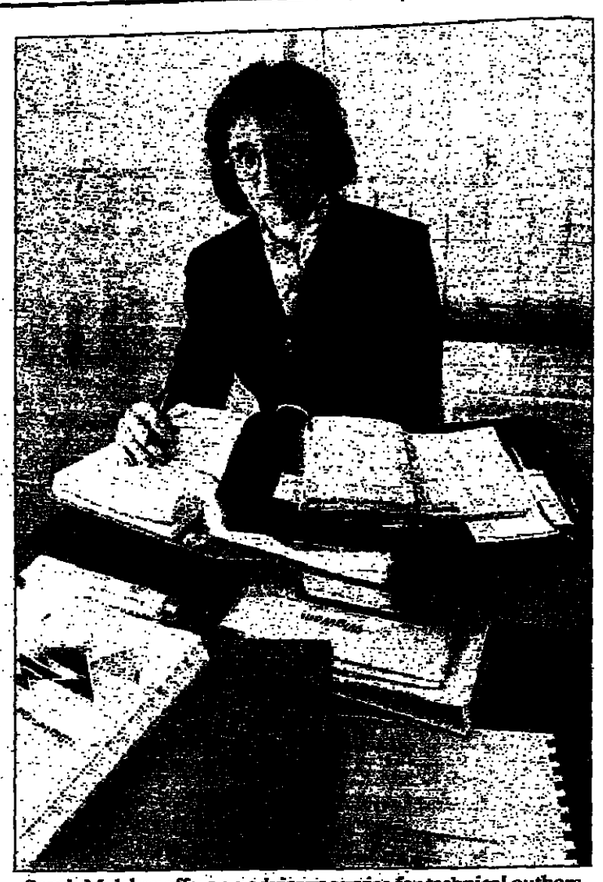
"There has been a tendency for companies to take the standards manuals, work through them, heave a sigh of relief that that's over and go back to the way they've always done things." Mr Quentin notes.

The ideal person to be a process documenter, he says, would be a "line manager or someone who has made a career out of describing processes". He adds: "In IT there are few such people. What often happens is that individuals try to sell it as a methodology, it costs thousands of pounds and gets inflicted on the inmates whether it fits or not."

Ms Melcher has been writing process documentation for four years and manuals for five more before that. Her organisation offers itself as a trouble-shooter to help companies through the process. "If the staff are not admitting to a problem a company's best bet is to bring in someone from outside," she says.

Mr Quentin suggests that a gap is opening between companies that take the documentation question seriously and those that continue to regard it as incidental to the main work. His company conducts courses in the field.

Many of those who attend, he says, "are not sufficiently senior to be able to put in place a process, or they are people who have been given the job of documenting something, have been found a course and sent along".



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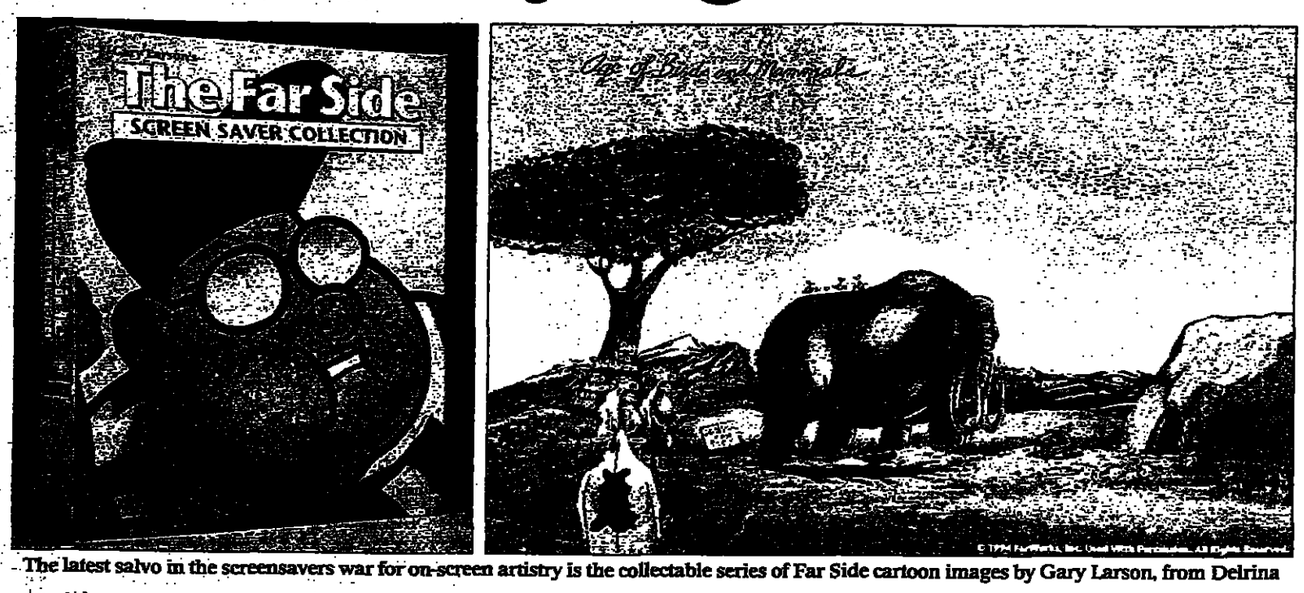
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War of the flying toasters

Screensavers are a rare example of humour for the sake of it, says David Hewson



The latest salvo in the screensavers war for on-screen artistry is the collectable series of Far Side cartoon images by Gary Larson, from Delrina

Berkeley Systems began life in 1987 as a tiny start-up company in California, funded by a $50,000 public grant to develop software for sight-impaired computer users.

This very serious intention has resulted in a number of acclaimed utilities for people who cannot normally use a PC. But somewhere along the way, someone at Berkeley made a distinctly unserious suggestion. Why not, they said, write a piece of software that waited until you had not used your computer for a while, then blanked out the screen and sent a squadron of winged kitchen toasters flying elegantly across the screen?

This being California, the person did not receive a kindly smile and a move to a corner office blessed with soft furnishings.

A year later the flying toaster duly appeared in a piece of software called After Dark, and the great screensaver boom began. Today Berkeley is a 160-employee company that leads the market with best-selling packages for both Windows and the Macintosh.

The screensaver cast list now extends well beyond flying toasters to licensed "actors" which include *Star Trek* and Disney characters and posters from Marvel Comics, while the company's great rival in screen artistry, Canadian company Delrina, has just released animated software featuring the distinctly bizarre pictures, sounds and songs of Far Side cartoonist Gary Larson.

Screensavers are a rare example of humour on the PC, but big business too. They rarely cost more than £30 each and the analysts IDC predict the worldwide market for moving screen "wallpaper" packages will more than double from £50 million in 1993 to £120 million in 1997.

And all for something that is, for most users, completely unnecessary. The software stems from the days when computers were left on 24 hours a day for weeks on end, with the same picture on the screen. In this situation, the static image will eventually "burn" a permanent image of itself on the screen.

By replacing the static image with a moving one, screensaver creators boast that they can prevent "burn-in", which is true. What they fail to tell you is that burn-in will only happen if you leave your monitor on for months on end in the first place, and that most modern screens have a power-down facility which switches them off when they are not in use anyway.

The real point of screensavers is entertainment. The latest version of After Dark has a range of different saver models which you can choose according to your mood: a virtual fish tank for those stressful days, or a playful pup that appears to rip your work apart when you need a little adrenalin. Tropical fish feature in several screensavers, including one version where they demand to be "fed" at regular intervals and will float, dead, to the top of the "tank" if you ignore them.

For two years running screensavers have won first prize at the United States's annual weird software contest at the San Diego Computer Fair. Last year first prize went to an animated tribute to the original After Dark which featured flying toilets.

This year, it was Road Kill in which a chicken wanders into the middle of a main road and narrowly avoids being run over by an oncoming car that makes every effort to miss the bird. A lawyer then wanders into the middle of the road and the car gleefully mows him down.

Online networks now positively groan under the weight of amateur screensavers. A few current favourites include Romance, which "writes" random bodice-ripper short stories, and Tabloid, a module that generates *National Inquirer*-style tabloid press stories that typically feature a 600lb gorilla marrying the local plumber.

But the size of the screensaver market can make the humour wear thin among those fighting it out for our custom. Last year, Delrina introduced its own flying toaster with wings in its Bill and Opus package, featuring two well-known American cartoon characters.

Berkeley, which regards the flying toaster as its corporate logo, promptly took to the courts in a protracted legal case in which a judge had to decide whether the image of a winged toaster resided in the public domain or did, indeed, belong to the company that had first thought of it.

Berkeley finally won the exclusive right to toasters with wings, so buyers of Delrina's packages are now entertained by airborne toasters which stay aloft thanks to helicopter blades. Such is the price of progress.

ONLINE

Scoring points

COMPUTER scoring systems to determine whether individuals are credit worthy are already widely in use. Now there is a new system that can also work out whether it is worth suing a debtor.

Epic 2, developed by Legal & Trade Collections, a debt collecting agency based in Preston, compares information about a debtor with geographic and behavioural information based on the records of thousands of other debtors.

PR package

BAD news for journalists with the announcement of a Do-It-Yourself PR package for PC's. D-I-Y PR costs £49 and contains 100 template press releases. The developers, CCA Software, say it will cover more than 95 per cent of situations where small to medium sized businesses need to issue a press release. "All the user needs to do is fill in the blanks" says the Stockport, Cheshire-based firm.

Ring her neck

It may be good to talk, as the BT advertisements say, but one Japanese woman was so consumed by jealousy of a colleague that she phoned her about 150,000 times over eight years before being arrested.

Takako Sato, 39, called 50 times a day from August 1986, police said. Her colleague finally fell into a nervous depression and complained to the police.

Double density

Hitachi, Sony and 3M have agreed on specifications for a new, high-density 3½in magneto-optical disc which will be able to store 650 megabytes of data — about the same as CD-Roms and more than three times that of that of conventional discs. The three said they plan to launch the disc and the drives next summer.

Cinema chips

It took more than a decade of hard work, but the film Belgian producers say will launch an era of high-tech cinema is finally finished.

Taxandria fuses make-believe with reality, combining animation with live action. Two-thirds of the 90-minute film uses special effects. "American films such as *Jurassic Park* use special effects in five-minute bursts and always in action scenes where the music and noise divert attention from the special effects" says executive producer Dany Geys.

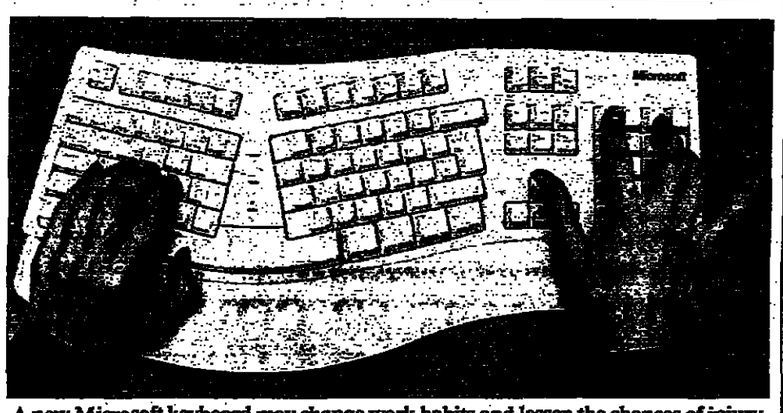
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Ergonomic keyboards are an attempt to deal with RSI



A new Microsoft keyboard may change work habits and lessen the chances of injury

Putting their hands on the table

In coming months, computer manufacturers are going to try to change the way you work. They will warn you that the way you use your present keyboard could hurt you and that new, innovative designs will make repetitive strain injury (RSI) less likely. But you should be aware that it is their lawyers, as much as their designers, who are behind this push towards healthier keyboards.

In the litigation-mad United States, where the health care costs of RSI are sky-rocketing and insurance premiums are increasing, anything which might help reduce injuries is bound to sell well.

Although a lawsuit against a leading manufacturer, Compaq, for RSI injuries allegedly sustained by a user were dismissed earlier this year, there are many more still to be heard — and it is quite possible that at least one might stick. It will only take one multi-million dollar damage award in a US court to dramatically up the RSI stakes.

The American software giant Microsoft, for example, has recently launched the Microsoft Natural Keyboard — a £70 + VAT add-on that it is touting heavily as an aid to a more ergonomic work environment.

Compaq started putting warnings on its keyboards earlier this year, while Microsoft is treading the fine line between selling its keyboard as a potential preventative measure against RSI, while disclaiming legal responsibility for RSI injuries.

A recent "product backgrounder" on the keyboard shows the fine line it is trying to walk: "Research showed that many keyboard users . . . tend to keep their forearms horizontal at keyboard height to reach the keys, rotate the forearms to keep the palms facing downward and cramp the shoulders and arms inward to accommodate the narrow width of the key layout", warns the company.

"To address this, a set of design criteria was proposed for a new, more comfortable design."

Needless to say, all those issues were addressed in one way or another by the Natural Keyboard. But Microsoft then goes on to say that it "does not claim that its new Natural Keyboard will either prevent or cure repetitive stress injuries . . . Microsoft does believe that the Natural Keyboard does allow the user to assume a more natural posture of the hands and wrists. Many factors may contribute to an individual's discomfort during periods of repetitive activity."

> As many as 4.4 million people suffer as a result of a poor work environment

To its credit, Microsoft does list these factors — as well as many actions users can take to mitigate them — in its documentation for the keyboard.

Microsoft is not the only manufacturer to provide keyboard alternatives. Apple Computers has offered standard Qwerty keyboard alternatives for more than a year now, while third-party keyboard manufacturers — such as Keytronic — offer generally-available innovative keyboard alternatives for standard PC-compatible systems.

These moves are really an admission of what statistics have long suggested. A study released last year by Canadian computer workstation manufacturer Forminco reported that as many as 4.4 million people in the US alone suffer from "disabilities associated with a poor ergonomic work environment". While the percentage of those disabilities that could be directly attributed to RSI was not broken down, the report did say that it formed the most common category of disability.

The report also suggested that an estimated $40 billion in lost wages and medical costs is the annual bill for RSI. Meanwhile, the US Bureau of Labor Statistics last year estimated that RSI-related complaints comprised some 56 per cent of injuries reported to the country's Occupational Safety and Health Administration — a percentage that has doubled since 1984.

RSI is generally considered the "catch-all" term for a number of specific types of computer-use-related disabilities — including carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS), tendonitis and tensynovitis. Any of these problems could potentially afflict those who use computer keyboards for as little as two hours a day.

RSI can cause pain and swelling from inflammation of joints and tendons caused by excessive pressure or motion. CTS, the most common form of RSI-associated problem reported by computer users, is pain, numbness and weakness of compression of the nerve that passes through the wrist joint (the carpal tunnel).

The fact that manufacturers and employers alike are starting to admit the impact of RSI appears to be driven by the two greatest forces for change: fear of lost productivity and fear of litigation.

The nation goes online

A computer link to the White House is in place

AL GORE, the American Vice-President, announced a relatively easy-to-use computer link to the White House this week as well as to many federal departments and agencies. It will allow public access to US government documents and information.

It is called "Welcome to the White House: an Interactive Citizen's Handbook", and users can access about 3,000 documents produced by the Administration and send electronic mail there.

"We're putting the White House online," said Mr Gore. The electronic handbook is an attempt to cut government costs and red tape further. The link-up is also a teaching tool for schools and libraries, he said. "In some ways, it's like an electronic post office."



Al Gore: taking the White House to the people

The service includes information on how to start and finance a small business, get farm loans, find federal jobs, and learn about retirement or veteran's benefits. There is also information about government-funded child care and education programmes, space exploration, registering products, disaster assistance and national parks.

Users can also take a "virtual tour" of the White House, complete with colour graphics. Lionel Johns, the associate director for technology in the White House office of science and technology policy, said the cost of putting the federal agencies online was virtually nothing, since the computer hardware, telephone lines and volunteer help was in place.

The White House material can be accessed via the Internet's World Wide Web technology, which interfaces text with pictures and graphics, and allows easier access to the Internet.

The Internet address for Welcome to the White House is: http://www.whitehouse.gov

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Getting down to grass roots

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Michael Hornsby on a remarkable anniversary for British plant research

A turning-point in the history of modern agriculture is being commemorated this month at Aberystwyth, Dyfed. For 1994 marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Welsh Plant Breeding Station (WPBS), which survives as the nucleus and headquarters of the more recently-formed Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research (IGER).

Some might question whether the legacy of Sir George Stapledon (1882-1960), the agricultural botanist who created the WPBS in 1919, has been an unalloyed benefit. The grass-breeding techniques he pioneered certainly changed the landscape by hastening the disappearance of semi-natural meadows and pastures.



Director Chris Pollock: "the focus has shifted"

However history judges the farming revolution of the past 50 years, there can be no dispute that the WPBS played a crucial role in making it possible. Nowhere is this clearer than in the dairy industry. Since the mid-1950s milk yields have risen from 3,400 to 5,220 litres per cow. At least half that increase can be attributed to improved grass and fodder crops.

Stapledon argued that grass should be treated as an arable crop that could be cultivated and improved like any other by selective breeding. The first task he set himself was to collect examples of the best pasture grasses from all over Britain. New varieties bred from this material began appearing in the 1930s, many of these "S" strains becoming standards throughout temperate parts of the Commonwealth. The best known and longest-lasting was S23, a variety of perennial ryegrass first released in 1933 and in use more than 50 years later.

Collecting expeditions, both here and overseas, are still an important part of IGER's work. The institute is the main European centre for the conservation of genetic resources of ryegrass and white clover. Recent trips have concentrated on central and eastern Europe.

In the 1920s and 1930s, the dominant influences on research were the great agricultural depression and the desperate need to raise the low income of livestock farmers in the hills, still a concern today. Improving upland grass production assumed an even greater importance during the Second World War, when much lowland pasture was ploughed up to grow crops to replace imported food.

With peace the emphasis switched to re-sowing with grass and restoring the pastures that had been turned over to wartime arable farming. Over the years research has broadened to embrace hybridisation, tissue culture, plant pathology and cytology, the development of strains tolerant of cold and drought, the efficiency of nutrient uptake by livestock, climate change and the reclamation of land from colliery spoil.

Much of this work will remain central to IGER's activities, but in an era of near self-sufficiency in most temperate foodstuffs and growing criticism of farming's destructive impact on the countryside, it is being adapted to new ends. "Farmers throughout Europe are grappling with the problem of not needing to increase production," says Chris Pollock, IGER's director of research. "For the institute this has meant a new focus on the idea of sustainability in the broadest sense: sustaining farmers' profits by lowering the cost of inputs and increasing the quality of output."

One consequence, Professor Pollock says, is that the institute's early research into the role of white clover — a consuming passion of its founder — has acquired a new relevance. "Growing grass-clover swards went out of fashion, but now clover is coming back in again because it reduces the need to spread fields with costly petroleum-based fertilisers, and is more environment-friendly. Clover is also a high-quality herbage for cattle."

Grass-breeding is still what the institute is all about, but the emphasis is now much more on improving nutritional quality. "We are trying to define exactly what makes for digestibility and palatability. Molecular biology will speed up the selection of desirable traits."

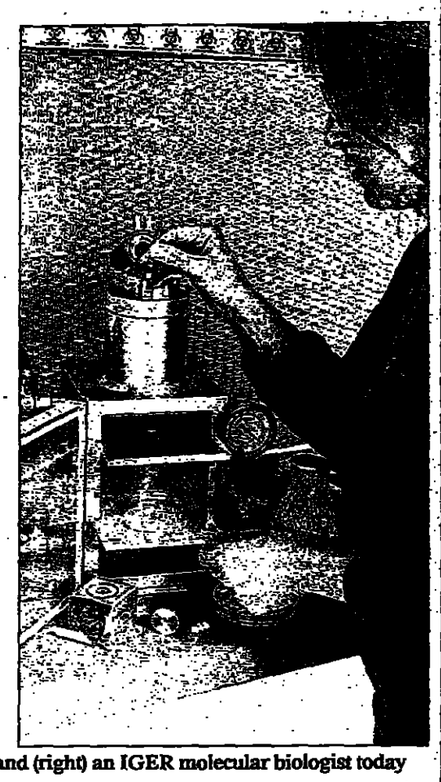
One of the main farming changes made possible by improved grass growth has been the widespread switch since the mid-1970s from hay to silage. Silage has great nutritional advantages and, unlike hay, does not have to be dried, the grass being cut when still green and then stored and allowed to ferment. An important part of IGER's research is now directed at reducing the effluent from silage clamps and silos, which has become a big cause of river pollution.

IGER came into being in 1990 after a period of upheaval and restructuring caused by the Government's decision to cut public funding for so-called "near-market" research aimed at immediate commercial application. Private industry was supposed to step into the gap but has as yet only partially done so, leaving IGER with barely half the staff of its short-lived predecessor, the Institute of Grassland and Animal Production.

With a workforce of 392, of whom 256 are scientists, IGER's work is now concentrated on four sites, including the WPBS. The other three are at Trawsgoed, 13 miles south of Aberystwyth, which specialises in dairy farming; North Wyke, near Okehampton in Devon, which is researching low-input grassland agriculture and restoring floral diversity to meadows; and Bronydd Mawr, a hill farm near Brecon, Powys.

IGER had funding of £10 million in 1993-94, of which nearly 90 per cent still came from the Ministry of Agriculture and other government departments in one form or another, with the European Union and commercial sponsors making up the balance. The institute will now be looking urgently for increased financial backing from private industry partners.





Clover culture at the Welsh Plant Breeding Station in the 1930s, and (right) an IGER molecular biologist today

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Virtually all grassland breeding in the UK is concentrated at IGER, where historically the station has produced a whole range of well-known strains carrying the S-prefix.

However, in 1988 the Government cut back its financial commitment, which has meant that most work must be now concentrated on rye grasses, the most productive species. Mr Dai Hides is one of the leading breeders at IGER, and he has a clear view of what farmers need in new varieties.

> There is a research gap: 'The grazing animal is the ultimate test-bed'

"We must breed for quality and improved digestibility, because that leads to more efficient animal production. We have also to concentrate on grasses which make the best use of nitrogen, either applied as bag fertiliser or resulting from fixation by clover in the sward."

Mr Hides says that persistence is an aspect to which he and his team are paying particularly attention.

"Severe winter frosts and hot dry summer periods can drastically reduce productivity and persistence. Such extremes already occur occasionally in the UK and it is possible that future changes in weather patterns may increase their frequency."

Scientists from IGER are scouring the world looking at native grasses which may have some desirable characteristics which could be worth incorporating into new varieties. At Gogarburn in Scotland, a whole range of trial plots feature grasses from Poland. Some have been taken from village greens, some from hay meadows, quarries and goose pastures. Few are likely to be commercially viable on their own account, but they may just have something to offer in grass varieties for the 21st century.

A problem for grass breeders is that there are no tests currently being undertaken in the UK on the interaction between various varieties and differing species within a sward. "The grazing animal is the ultimate test-bed," Mr Hides says; "it would be helpful if we could incorporate that into our work."

As far as links with the food producers goes, Tim Brigstocke, business manager at IGER, says the future will depend on developing much closer links beyond the farm gate right through to the retailer. For the beef market, for example, the challenge is to supply consistent, top-quality meat from systems that are both welfare and consumer-orientated. Beef must be seen as part of that food chain.

Technical efficiency, keeping costs under control, and producing the type of beef required by the consumer is the way forward. IGER's role will be to provide the grass its consumers want.

DAVID YOUNG

Organic mission to convert

A team in Wales is switching from intensive to organic dairy farming

A pioneering project that could transform the face of farming, cut river pollution, and improve the fate of wildlife has been launched by IGER in Wales.

Researchers at the Trawsgoed centre have been given government backing to convert a dairy farm, which was previously managed in the conventional intensive way, into an organic one. They are collaborating with ten other farms, including the Prince of Wales's Highgrove Estate in Gloucestershire.

The scheme, which is assessing the costs, animal welfare and environmental impacts of switching to less intensive agriculture, will help dairymen across the country to decide if this kind of farming is economically feasible.

Europe's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) is planning to reduce surpluses by cutting subsidies to intensive farmers. The greening of the CAP is also aimed at reducing the slurry mountains caused by packing cows on to land to maximise milk outputs. Slurry and the nitrogen fertilisers spread thickly on grass to feed big herds can cause pollution of rivers, lakes and the sea.

Heavy use of pesticides has also been linked to a range of illnesses in wildlife and humans. Animals managed under intensive farming methods are often fed large amounts of antibiotics to ward off diseases such as mastitis.

Consumer attitudes are changing, albeit slowly. As many as 11 per cent of consumers are now regularly buying organic foods. Retail sales of products clearly labelled as coming from organic farms rose to £105.1 million in 1993, compared with £92.5 million in 1992, according to Mintel.

Earlier this month John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, told organic producers that "there will be more environmentally friendly farming, more widely and more quickly than most people think. The organic movement will be at the heart of that."

The Ministry of Agriculture has, since August, been offering farmers financial assistance to switch to organic methods. While critics claim the payments are derisory compared to those intensive farmers still enjoy, supporters say they are a start.

It is within these developments that IGER's conversion research is set to become vital. Patrick Holden of the Soil Association, one of the leading organic groups, which is in regular contact with 632 farmers who have chosen to follow the organic option, says most of Britain's organic farmers "farm for reasons of philosophy. They believe so strongly it is the right way to farm that they want to do it, even if it is not the most economic way.

"But the rest of Britain's farmers will need more convincing. The importance of the institute's research is that, for the first time, the Government is giving funding to organic research and development."

The work is being orchestrated by Professor Roger Haggar, contract manager of the institute's organic conversion programme. The project involves between 70 and 80 Friesian cows, about a third less than the original intensively managed herd at IGER.

Instead of fertilisers, the nitrogen needed to produce forage comes from clover, which fixes the element in the soil. This means that the land can support fewer cows. The institute's team is testing various clovers, including an Alpine variety, to maximise nitrogen fixation earlier in the year and to identify ones which can tolerate slurry.

And homeopathic preparations are being used instead of antibiotics to fend off infections. The project, he says, is proving a success with infections low on the farm. While output per cow slumped by a quarter initially, the researchers have now increased yields by up to 5,041 litres per cow.

In the hedgerows and grassland on the farm surveys are being made of wildlife to see if fewer chemicals mean more birds, mammals and butterflies. Preliminary findings indicate that these are also being helped, with 65 species of bird observed and small mammals such as voles on the increase.

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Reaping a world harvest

Grass seeds developed in Britain with IGER's expertise are sold worldwide. **David Young** reports

After all the research, expertise and careful nurturing for the 15 years that is required to develop a new strain of grass, it seems a crime to cut the lawn every week.

However, it is that expertise in research and development that has made the Institute of Grassland and Environmental Research (IGER) a world leader in its speciality, and an important contributor to the nation's invisible earnings.

Such research has to be paid for, and the Government contributes around £10 million of funding through the Cabinet Office's Office of Science and Technology. Other government departments which contribute, as a result of competitive tendering by IGER, are the agriculture ministry, the Department of the Environment and the Overseas Development Administration.

Other funds come from the European Union through research programmes, and statutory levy boards such as the Home Grown Cereals Authority, the Meat and Livestock Commission and the former Milk Marketing Board.

However, increasingly funding comes from related industrial users, such as Zeneca Bio Products and BOCM Pauls Ltd.

One of the most important links IGER has is with British Seed Houses, which is part of the Germinal Holdings Group, based in Northern Ireland.

Over 50 years ago Northern Ireland was one of the most important areas for the production of ryegrass seed. Although the industry has all but disappeared in the province it is interesting that once again the important grass-seed business, although operating mainly in England, is linked with Northern Ireland.

In 1988 Germinal Holdings took over responsibility for funding the "near-market" research programme for grasses and clovers developed at Aberystwyth, when the Government withdrew from that side of the business. Since it takes ten to 15 years to develop new strains and then a further five years to conduct field trials, it is only recently that Germinal Holdings has been able to start supplying farmers with new strains first developed at Aberystwyth and then successfully tested at Germinal Holdings' trial farms.

The arrangement means that Germinal Holdings has the world marketing rights for the products developed at IGER. Managing director Neville Bark says: "This means that we have the job of getting the products into the hands of the farmers in Britain and in important overseas markets.

"We have trials going on in various countries and are able to show farmers new grasses specially developed to meet the demands of new practices and techniques. We have customers in New Zealand and throughout Europe, in fact in any country which has similar climatic conditions to those experienced in the UK.

"The Eastern European market could become very important as there has been a lack on investment in agriculture there, and many farmers could benefit considerably from the grasses and clovers that have been developed by IGER and are now being marketed by our company.

"The sheer depth of expertise and the range of research being done by IGER means that farmers can be assured of getting the best products available for their needs, although the time scales involved can be considerable."

That depth of expertise at IGER can be supplemented by the facilities at the University of Aberystwyth, which has been working in agricultural research since the turn of the century and, since the 1930s, with IGER in the fields of agronomy, plant-breeding and genetics.

The director of IGER and several of his senior colleagues are all honorary research associates at the university, and researchers from the two institutes have formed the Aberystwyth Cell Genetics Group, which carries out many joint research projects.

The Cell group has more than 70 senior biologists with their associated research teams of postgraduate and post-doctoral workers, and in addition many IGER staff are involved in teaching within the university's Institute of Biological Sciences.

It is IGER's access to such skilled personnel and such facilities which led the Welsh Development Agency recently to designate it a Centre of Excellence. Unusually the whole of IGER was covered by the designation, rather than a single department.

IGER also has strong links with the University of Plymouth through its North Wyke research station at Okehampton in Devon. A recent five-year agreement has been signed with the university which provides a formal framework to encourage support for mutual research activities and consultancy, and postgraduate research work.

Professor John Bull, Vice-Chancellor of the university, says: "This agreement will further advance the development in Devon of a major national and international centre for research and education in agricultural and environmental sciences."

Research already in progress covers a study of how to prevent odours from farm waste, on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food, and work funded by the National Environmental Research Council on the movement of chemical pollutants in soil.



An "artificial nose" is used to measure smells from farm waste at North Wyke in Devon

On the trail of a supergrass

Want your grass greener? The IGER researchers are on the case

THE prospect of grass being greener on the other side of the street is more than a mere figure of speech to scientists breeding new varieties of turf at IGER.

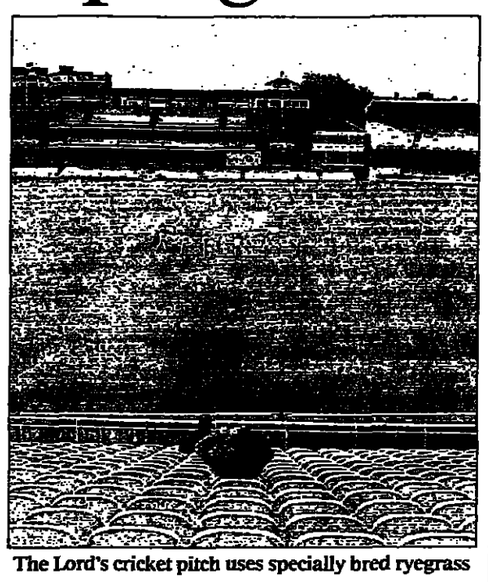
They use a portable instrument called a Chromameter to make accurate and objective colour measurements of different samples of turf.

In using the records of the precise shade of green of grass grown to improve seed varieties, the scientists also take account of the subjective assessments of groups of people. They "score" experimental plots of grass from a visual inspection. The results show that Americans rate darker green colours more highly than Europeans.

Dr Danny Thorogood, one of the internationally recognised team of plant breeders at Aberystwyth, believes the difference may be linked to annual meadow grass. It is a native European weed of a yellow and light green hue, and virtually absent in North America.

He suspects European horticulturists have concentrated on mixtures of seed that give lighter colour grass because the intruding meadow grass is less obvious. It avoids a mosaic effect.

His group is testing new varieties of super-grass seed for turf that is easier to maintain — whether for the back lawn, Wembley, Murrayfield, Lords, Cardiff Arms Park or Ascot. While agricultural use of ryegrass seed has remained static, demand for ryegrass seed bred specifically for turf for "amenity" grass surfaces — gardens, parks, sports grounds — has increased ten-fold in the past 12 years.



The Lord's cricket pitch uses specially bred ryegrass

Seed mixtures vary, depending on whether they are intended for a heavy-duty surface, an attractive manicured lawn or a billiard-table-smooth bowling green. Next time you see a Test wicket play true throughout five days, consider how much of it was due to a surface created from collaboration between an experienced groundsman and a knowledgeable seed supplier.

Dr Thorogood is developing a selection of turf seed to give subtle variations in the green hue of the leaf, to retain a fresh green colour, to cut easily and to need less fertiliser.

The research into the development of top-class turf is supported by the Government's Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC, formerly the Agricultural and Food Research Council) and specialist firms such as British Seed Houses at Avonmouth.

"Each turf grass application is slightly different", he says. So turf may comprise a mixture of the seeds of ryegrass, red fescue, bents and smooth-stalked meadow grass to produce the right texture and characteristics.

In principle, an ideal turf has a high density of shoots with a fine leaf texture that can be maintained in conditions of drought, cold and disease.

If the main purpose is, say, to reduce mowing costs, then a short leaf and slow regrowth become useful qualities. In practice, the fast growth of ryegrass makes it attractive for turf that must withstand hard wear and tear. Cross-breeding of ryegrasses with other varieties from natural habitats, by the Aberystwyth scientists, is producing hard-wearing, disease-resistant turfs.

But while the new methods of molecular biology are pinpointing the genes for the various traits of plants, transferring them to create new crosses and hybrids still depends on established methods of breeding.

PEARCE WRIGHT

Sheep carrying mini-computers are checking on the Chernobyl fallout

Sheep may safely graze

Six years after the Chernobyl nuclear accident, its effects are still being seen in Britain's grazing pastures, especially in upland areas of Wales and the Lake District, where contaminated rain has passed pollutants into the grass.

However, scientists have found that the radiocaesium which fell on the area is passing into individual sheep at highly variable rates, and IGER is now carrying out an investigation which is drawing on its years of expertise while at the same time using leading-edge technology.

In a one-year pilot study funded by the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food, Dr Mark Rutter, from IGER's research centre at North Wyke in Devon, and Nick Beresford, from the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology in Cumbria, have been assessing the potential of using the Global Positioning System (GPS) developed by the US Department of Defence to track sheep in the affected area.

A small flock of Herdwick ewes in Devon were used to test the equipment with an antenna, receiver and microcomputer supplied by Industrial Development in Bangor, fitted in a small back-pack strapped to the sheep.

The equipment successfully tracked the sheep as they wandered in the hilly area, and although the terrain did cause problems the GPS satellite was able to keep track of the ewes for 96 per cent of the period, accurately identifying their position at any one time. The microcomputer pack fitted to each sheep also logged its every jaw movement and the data collected, once analysed, will show the researchers precisely where and when every sheep grazed.

Following the success of the pilot study it is now planned to fit similar equipment to sheep in areas affected by the fall-out from Chernobyl. Animals with both high and low radiocaesium levels will be tracked. Their behaviour patterns will be closely monitored, which will give the institute some insight into the causes of the high variations in radiocaesium levels within some flocks.

The project will also find out what sheep prefer to eat so that the environmental impact of extensive farming, as opposed to intensive, can be predicted. Sheep eat both grass and clover, so the Devon test area was split in two with a fixed video camera filming whether an animal was on grass or clover, and a jaw sensor detecting when the animal was grazing or ruminating. The on-sheep computer stored information on every jaw movement so that the information could be analysed in the laboratory and married to the video.

Peter Penning, the IGER team leader, says: "The European Union plans to move away from intensive farming to improve the agricultural environment. Clover could be useful because it fixes nitrogen in the soil so fertilisers do not need to be used. But if animals eat all the clover, grazing won't be sustainable."

IGER has already found that sheep definitely prefer clover, but they always include about 30 per cent grass.

Mr Penning says: "We don't know why this happens. To get the fittest, leanest lambs farmers feed them only clover. So perhaps sheep are just like us. We would get fed up if we had the same healthy food every meal."

DAVID YOUNG



Herdwick sheep were used in the Devon backpack test

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Race against time for 40 golden years

ALAN WELLER



Roy Race is joined by Rodney Marsh at a celebration in London this week to mark the fortieth anniversary of the first Roy of the Rovers

It took me some years to take Roy of the Rovers seriously. When I first encountered him, Roy Race had joined the new school in Melchester, where his footballing ability soon gained him a place in the under-15s; his rival, Bert Beston, gave him and his pal, Blackie Gray, a hard time, but the pals won through: can't keep good men down.

Roy Race's end of term report praises his mathematics, "especially algebra and trigonometry which he has shown an encouraging liking for"; in English language, he "demonstrated the ability to eloquently transcribe his thoughts into poetry". (Of form-teacher, Mr O'Shaughnessy, who splits infinitives



FREUD ON FRIDAY

and ends phrases with prepositions, we properly hear no more.)

The Tiger, price 3d, appeared every Tuesday and led with Roy of the Rovers. In issue No 1, September 11, 1954, the local cup-tie stands at 0-0 (no record of the score at half-time) and, with his pals of the Milston Youth Club FC played to a standstill, Roy Race is the one man in the team who is tireless and on his toes. Could he score one before the final whistle? Silly question, really, and, unknown to Roy, the game was being watched by a first division talent scout, Alf Leeds, who was in charge of the famous Melchester Rovers A team.

In December of that year, Roy and Blackie were playing in the A team and Roy quickly notched his first senior goal from a perfectly-weighted pass by Blackie.

"Those two lads are working wonders ... it won't be long before they are both in Rovers' first team," a man in the crowd thinks. He thought right. Melchester broke the bank to sign Arty Hedlow, for £10,000. Ben Galloway, the manager, said of his new signing: "Playing alongside an international of Hedlow's character, young Roy will blossom into a player with a great future."

Hedlow turned out to be an arrogant swine and was struck down by a mystery knee injury. He was out for the season. Melchester were knocked out of the sixth round of the FA Cup by "lowly Storford United" (how lowly Storford got into the sixth round is not explained) and the slump continued with a 3-0 home defeat by Charnley Athletic. In August 1956, Mr Galloway signed Pierre Dupont of Rochemont, the crack French side. Dupont put *le chat* amongst *les pigeons* at Melchester and Sam Higby, threatened by the French-man's presence, "ensures that he will miss the start of the game".

What persuaded me to read Roy as diligently as I read the Four Marys in *Bunty* was the arrival of Jumbo Trudgeon ... a man in whom I could believe, or, as form-teacher O'Shaughnessy would have said, "a man I can believe in".

The year was 1964. Rovers had had a fair time of it: League champions in 1957-8, 1959-60, 1962-3 and FA Cup winners twice in that time before taking the European Cup in 1963-4. Jumbo joined the Rovers in September and I can do no more than quote the Sandford match report:

"Key to Rovers continuing confidence and success is new signing, at inside left, Lord D'arcy Plantagenet Trudgeon-Marclay, better known in the circles of royalty and society as "Jumbo" Trudgeon. He has agreed to join Rovers on a no-pay, no-contract deal. A multi-millionaire landowner, Trudgeon has no need for seeking a living from football. He has quickly proved that he will not be a fish out of water; his second-half hat-trick against Sandford bodes of many great things for the future."

Now we were getting close to real football ... and in *Bunty* they countered with a character called the Honourable Harriet, who played hockey and was served Earl Grey tea and cucumber sandwiches on Meissen by her butler on the touchline at half-time.

Jumbo came when the team were in need of strengthening, for, on the pre-season tour of South America, Rovers had been kidnapped by local brigands, marched through the rain forests and made to play against a team of rebels; after reluctantly agreeing, they played "and the final scoreline of 17-2 showed their undoubted superiority".

Despite this ordeal, they managed to escape on horseback and arrive in Malagos City minutes before the kick-off, having had no sleep for 48 hours. Yet Rovers won. Roy Race, in the final seconds, scored with a scissors kick, and you can see the full back saying: "*Caramba*, it is there. Goal."

After the first 20 years of fine fantasy, it then got a bit close to what went on elsewhere in the game: Roy is shot and they sign Sir Alf Ramsey as caretaker manager; they engage a man called "superbrat"; Geoffrey Boycott is appointed chairman of Melchester; Roy marries. Roy has twins; they sign Emlyn Hughes and Bob Wilson; eight team members are killed by a terrorist bomb; an all-seat stadium is built; Roy sets new goal scoring record, notching up his 436th goal.

And then Roy resigns as manager on Sky TV, Flash Gordin becomes manager, Roy is re-instated, crashes his helicopter, has his left foot amputated, becomes manager of AC Monza, his son Rocky becomes Roy of the Rovers mark II and throughout all those years nobody says "damn" or "bum", sniffs coke or goes bald; and Melchester Rovers keep playing in red and yellow, which must infuriate their merchandising department.

Schofield wins back place in British squad

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE long road back has proved shorter than Garry Schofield can have imagined. Just over two weeks after being stripped of the captaincy and dropped from the Great Britain rugby league squad, he is back in the party for the second international at Old Trafford next week.

While Shaun Edwards, his successor as captain, sits out the game because of suspension, could return to the colours at stand-off.

His recall depends largely on the fitness of Daryl Powell. The leg injury Powell sustained at Wembley remains a cause for concern, even though it spared him a part in Sheffield's 80-2 drubbing by the Australians on Wednesday.

There were numerous raised eyebrows, from Australians especially, when Schofield, 29, was omitted from the squad for Wembley. Even though Ellery Hanley, the new Great Britain coach, said players excluded from the first international might come into contention later, it seemed that the door was closing on one of the game's most celebrated playing careers, with Schofield two matches short of Mick Sullivan's record of 46 international appearances.

Few players are better equipped to rise to a challenge and, with Britain striving to win a series against Australia for the first time for 24 years, Schofield will not be found wanting if his services are required.



Schofield: quick recall

With the doubts over Powell, Lee Jackson and the Welsh pair of Johnathan Davies and Allan Bateman, who are both doubtful for Wales's game with Australia in Cardiff on Sunday, Hanley has also added three further players to the squad in addition to Schofield and Paul Newlove, the Bradford centre, who is still struggling with a torn knee ligament that prevented his appearance in the first match.

Paul Loughlin, the St Helens centre, and Paul Hulme, the Widnes utility player, last played for Great Britain in 1992. Richard Russell, the Castleford hooker, included as cover for Jackson, who has a wrist problem, is uncapped.

Although it has still to be officially confirmed, Phil Clarke is likely to retain the captaincy duties he assumed when Edwards was dismissed for the high tackle that felled Bradley Clyde.

Apart from the satisfaction of recording their biggest tour win for 73 years, it is questionable whether Bobby Fulton, Australia's coach, resolved many questions of team selection in the slaughter of Sheffield. He requires a goalkicker, however, and, with Rod Wishart setting a record for an Australian tour by landing 12 goals against Sheffield, he might well be found a place at Old Trafford.

Half the Great Britain side and Barrie-Jon Mather, who has been absent for five months with a shoulder injury, are expected to be included by Wigan, the championship leaders, for tonight's visit to Hull.

The match will be controlled by the Australian referee, Graham Annesley, who will be in one-way electronic communication with his touch-judges.

They will be able to communicate to him any offside play, forward passes and knock-ons via microphones in the tops of their flags. The signal will be received by a small radio worn around the referee's waist. The system has been used successfully in Australia and is being tried here on an experimental basis.

House of Lords

Duty to ensure re-delivery on time

Torvald Klaveness A/S v Arni Maritime Corporation (The Gregos)

Before Lord Templeman, Lord Ackner, Lord Mustill, Lord Slynn of Hadley and Lord Woolf

[Speeches October 27]

The charterer of a vessel whose order for a final voyage had been rendered invalid because of changed circumstances was obliged to replace it with a valid order which would ensure re-delivery in time.

A short delay beyond the time fixed for re-delivery under the charterparty was insufficient to justify termination of the contract, but the shipowner was entitled to treat the contract as at an end where the charterer persisted in *the order after* it had become invalid because that constituted an anticipatory breach.

The House of Lords so held in allowing an appeal by the owner of the vessel Gregos, Arni Maritime Corporation, from the decision of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Simon Brown) (*The Times* June 4, 1993; [1993] 2 Lloyd's Rep 335) to allow the appeal of the charterer, Torvald Klaveness A/S, against a judgment of Mr Justice Evans on January 31, 1992 ([1992] 2 Lloyd's Rep 335) in favour of the owner, upholding an arbitration award of Mr Mark Hamsher in the owner's favour.

Mr Peter Gross, QC and Mr David Goldstone for the appellant owner; Mr Kenneth Rokison, QC and Mr Timothy Young for the respondent charterer.

LORD TEMPLEMAN, concurring in the result, said the time for re-delivery in a time charter was of the essence of the contract, absent any provision to the contrary. If the charterer evinced an intention not to re-deliver by the date or last date fixed for re-delivery, the charterer would evince an intention not to be bound by the contract and would thus repudiate it.

The owner might ignore the repudiation and claim damages resulting from breach of contract by any late delivery or accept the repudiation, *withdraw the vessel* from the control of the charterer and claim damages resulting from the repudiation.

There had been a good deal of discussion of legitimate and illegitimate last voyages, but in his Lordship's judgment the appeal fell to be determined by elementary principles of contract. The charterer had agreed to re-deliver on time and had therefore to give orders which ensured that the vessel would be delivered on time.

If the charterer gave an order which would not enable the vessel to be re-delivered on time, the owner might treat that order as a repudiatory breach of contract. If the owner complied with the order he lost his right to repudiate but was entitled to damages for any late delivery.

The crucial date in the present case fell when the charterer could have given an order which would have enabled re-delivery on time but insisted on an order which did not allow the vessel to be re-delivered on time. That order was a repudiatory breach of contract.

Had the Gregos been loaded in pursuit of that order, the owner would have lost its right to repudiate but would have remained entitled to damages for late delivery. The owner had accepted the repudiation and withdrawn the vessel.

The repudiation and the acceptance of repudiation were followed by an agreement under which the owner became entitled to the sums awarded by the arbitrator. His Lordship would allow the appeal.

LORD MUSTILL said the dispute concerned a claim by the owner of The Gregos for damages flowing from the time charterer's orders for a final allegedly "illegitimate" voyage, one that could not reasonably be expected to allow re-delivery of the vessel at the end of the charter period.

The owner had refused to accept the orders and the parties had then entered into a without prejudice agreement under which the last voyage was performed.

Under the charterparty, the charterer was obliged to re-deliver the vessel 70 days after initial delivery or pay damages for breach of contract. The plan for the voyage of The Gregos had been disrupted by the grounding of another vessel in the Orinoco, from where the charterer planned a final voyage laden with iron ore to Fos, near Marseilles.

The owner had declined to undertake the voyage to Fos and called on the charterer to give revised orders for the final voyage. The owner then made alternative arrangements for the ship to be chartered to another company.

Later the parties had agreed that the voyage should proceed on the basis that if it was held in subsequent proceedings that the owner had been justified in refusing to perform the voyage it would be entitled to a sum reflecting the *difference between the chartered* rate of hire and the more advantageous terms that it would have had under the alternative arrangement.

The first issue in the case was the date for judging the validity of the charterer's order. The practical implications of the shipowner's promise to furnish the services of the vessel were initially undefined, although not unlimited. The owner could not be compelled to perform an order of the charterer which fell outside the range of his original promise.

The service called for had to be measured against the service promised, the time for such measurement, primarily at least, was when performance fell due.

The shipowner was entitled in advance of the time for performance to reject an order which could be seen to lie outside his undertaking to furnish the services of the vessel.

But if the order was apparently valid its validity was no more than contingent, since the time for matching the service against the shipowner's promise did not arrive until the nature of the service was definitely known and that would not usually be until the service was due to begin, or in some instances until it was already in progress.

There was no judicial authority on the point and on the balance of convenience the owner's argument was to be preferred.

The charterparty itself indicated on analysis that the time for assessment of the legitimacy of the charterer's order was when it became due for performance.

An invalid order for a final voyage was only a special case of an order issued for the performance of a service which lay outside the scope of the shipowner's promise.

There were three different grounds on which a shipowner was entitled to treat himself as discharged by when called upon by a charterer to perform an extra-contractual service:

The order was a repudiatory breach, the re-delivery of the vessel after the final date was a breach of contract, and *in persisting* in an illegitimate order the charterer was evincing an intention no longer to be bound by the contract.

The charterer was obliged to give a valid order for the employment of the ship and became in breach only when the time for giving an order for the employment of the vessel had expired with no valid order being made.

His Lordship had difficulty in accepting that the charterer was not obliged never to give an invalid order.

But there were some judgments which asserted or assumed that an illegitimate order was in itself a breach and the point had been conceded in the Court of Appeal so his Lordship would assume it be correct.

It was quite a different matter to say that the duty never to give an invalid order was so fundamental to the working of the contract that the giving of such an order in every case entitled the shipowner to treat the contract as at an end, even if by rejecting the order he could ensure that it caused him no damage at all.

His Lordship found it hard to accept that timely re-delivery was a condition of the contract. He inclined to the view that that particular obligation was "innominate" and that a short delay in re-delivery would not justify the termination of the contract.

The owner's third argument depended, not on the invalid order which was given, but on the valid order which was not. The original order having become ineffectual, the charterer was obliged by the charterparty to replace it with one which it was entitled to give.

It was plain from the facts stated by the arbitrator that the charterer had no intention of so doing and that the critical time after which the vessel could not be re-delivered on the due date would pass without any valid orders being given.

That was the significance of the changed circumstances which had rendered the original order invalid. Not that the order constituted a repudiation in itself, but that the charterer's persistence in it after it had become invalid showed that it did not intend to perform its obligations under the charter. It had "evinced an intention no longer to be bound" by the charter. That was an anticipatory breach, which entitled the owner to treat the contract as ended.

Lord Ackner, Lord Slynn and Lord Woolf agreed with Lord Mustill.

Solicitors: Ince & Co; Sinclair, Roche & Temperley.

Incumbent's decision on place of burial

In re Marks (deceased)

There was no entitlement to have the remains of a deceased person interred in any particular place within a consecrated churchyard. The decision as to the precise place of burial or interment lay with the incumbent and the consistory court could not interfere with the exercise of his discretion unless it had been exercised in some improper way or relevant or material considerations had been disregarded.

Mr Harold Lomas, Chancellor of the Diocese of Chester, so held on August 31 when refusing to grant the faculty sought by petition dated May 9, 1994, brought by Miss Dorothy Marks for the exhumation and reinterment of the cremated remains of her late brother, Sydney Wilson Marks in the churchyard of St Mary, Alderley.

THE CHANCELLOR said that there were no grounds on which the court ought to interfere with the exercise of the rector's discretion.

It was not the wishes of a personal representative or next of *kin of the deceased to have* removed the body or ashes from one part of a churchyard to another which were the crucial consideration but whether it appeared to the court to be for reasons well founded and sufficient for a faculty to be granted.

Court of Appeal

Hardship over costs award

K v K and Another (Legal aid: Costs)

Before Lord Justice Neill and Mr Justice Wilson

[Judgment October 20]

The practice of awarding costs against the Legal Aid Board to the unassisted party in cases involving children was governed by the principles which governed all civil litigation, even though that could result in the unassisted party suffering severe financial hardship.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing an appeal brought by Mrs K against the refusal of Judge Marcus Edwards at Brentford County Court on January 14, 1994 to order the Legal Aid Board to pay her costs of two applications brought by Mr K concerning the care and control of their children.

Section 18 of the Legal Aid Act 1988 provides: "(4) An order under this section in respect of any costs may only be made if — (a) an order for costs would be made in the proceedings apart from this Act."

Mr Andrew Nicol for Mrs K; Mr John Gimlette for the Legal Aid Board; Mr K did not appear and was not represented.

MR JUSTICE WILSON said that Mr and Mrs K had married in 1979 and had two children. They lived in Harrow in a property which was vested in their joint names. In 1987 the wife filed a petition for divorce and shortly afterwards the husband filed an application for care and control of the children.

The judge made an interim order conferring custody of the children jointly, with care and control to the husband, who was not in work, and reasonable access to the wife, who was going out to work.

That was an unusual order in the circumstances where both parents still occupied the home and the judge later admitted that it had not worked well. The costs of that application were the first set sought to be recovered by the wife and amounted to £8,000.

A year later, there was a second *hearing before the judge in rela*tion to care and control of the children. The parents were still both occupying the home but the wife had begun to work at home and the husband was working out of the home.

The judge committed the children to the care and control of the wife. The wife's costs of that application were the second set of costs which she sought to recoup from the board and amounted to a further £8,000.

When the home was finally sold, *the husband's share of the pro*ceeds amounted to £23,000 but the costs incurred under his legal aid certificate had been so extensive that all but the exempt sum of £2,500 was taken by the board pursuant to the charge.

The wife's share of the proceeds was £52,000, but over £23,000 was paid to her second set of solicitors. No provision was made out of the proceeds for payment of her debt to her first set of solicitors of £11,000.

With the balance of her share and a mortgage the wife bought a home for herself and the children. There was also a charge on that property in favour of the board in respect of costs incurred while she had the benefit of legal aid.

The scheme of section 18 of the 1988 Act was to endow the court with a discretion to make an order for payment by the board of costs incurred by an unassisted party on certain conditions:

1 The court should have considered what order for costs should have been made against the assisted party and determined his liability *in respect of such costs.*

2 In respect of costs incurred in a first instance court, the proceedings were instituted by the assisted party.

3 The proceedings were finally decided in favour of the unassisted party.

4 In respect of costs incurred in a first instance court, the court was satisfied that the unassisted party would suffer severe financial hardship unless the order was made.

5 The court was satisfied that it was just and equitable in all the circumstances that provision for the costs should have been made out of public funds.

6 That an order for costs would be made in the proceedings apart *from the 1988 Act.*

The words "apart from this Act" in section 18(4)(a) indicated that the *hypothesis* should be that the other party to the proceedings did not have the limited protection against liability for costs provided by section 17 of the Act. That much was clear.

Presumably, however, the hypothesis went further: "apart from this Act", namely section 15 of it, legal aid would not have been available to the husband at all. So, if the hypothesis had to be that he was not in receipt of legal aid, what was one to assume in relation to his own costs: that he acted in person and incurred no costs; or, *more reasonably, in his Lordship's* view, that he incurred substantial costs on an unassisted basis?

If the latter was correct, then, since the section did not justify any hypothesis about his means other than to take them as they really were, the court presumably addressed itself to a considerable hypothetical burden on the husband in respect of his own costs.

Those problems did not arise when the question under section 18(4)(a) fell to be posed in conventional civil litigation: for there *the financial* position of the respondent to the application for costs was irrelevant.

The principal argument of Mr Nicol that the judge's conclusion under section 18(4)(a) was incorrect in law could be summarised thus: an order for costs, certainly for the second set of costs and probably for the first set of costs, would have been made against the husband apart from the Act, because the result of making no order would be to place the wife and thus the children in a parlous financial position and even to jeopardise the future roof over their heads.

At the time of both applications, the husband had a legal and equitable interest in the home, which would inevitably have to be sold, and so he had resources out of which such costs could be paid.

The judge had also said in the second application that, by vesting care and control in the wife, he was liberating the husband's capacity to earn and that he thus had much greater economic potential than did the wife.

Mr Nicol had reminded the court, correctly, that he did not have to establish that apart from the Act the husband would be condemned to pay all the wife's costs. The likelihood of an order for payment of only a small sum by way of contribution to the wife's *overall costs of the proceedings* would enable her to cross the threshold of section 18(4)(a).

However, his Lordship could not accept the validity of Mr Nicol's assault upon the judge's conclusion. The judge himself recognised that, had the husband been of abundant means, an order might have been made. But in the present case there was but one house, of no great value, and a need for its replacement by two reasonable homes in each of which the children would be spending substantial periods.

In deciding whether to make an order for costs at the conclusion of proceedings relating to children, it was impracticable and often unnecessary for the court, in a case where resources were slender, to conduct a survey of family finances and of likely needs with a view to *alighting upon an order which* would do least overall damage to the family and particularly to the children. That was the province of the court exercising its jurisdiction to make orders for ancillary relief.

At the conclusion of the two sets of proceedings the court knew that the wife's application for ancillary relief had yet to be determined; that in those proceedings the welfare of the children would be the first consideration; that the wife's liability to her solicitors in respect of her costs would also have to be considered; and that after a detailed enquiry into all relevant circumstances an adjustment of capital could be ordered in favour of the wife.

The result was, as the judge found, that the wife would suffer severe financial hardship. Many might consider that she would also suffer considerable injustice.

The precondition of section 18(4)(a) was reasonable in the context of conventional civil litigation, where costs *prima facie* followed the event. But was it reasonable in the context of proceedings referable to children where nowadays it was unusual to make an order for costs?

Were the precondition to be removed in *children cases, the* claimant against the board would still have to show, in addition to severe financial hardship, that the proceedings had been finally decided in her or his favour and that an order against the board was just and equitable in all the circumstances.

Might not that produce a fairer balance between the protection of the public purse and reimbursement of costs incurred by a spouse in successfully defending proceedings relating to children brought with the board's assistance?

Argument would *run both* ways but the plight of the wife in the present case and the children might usefully precipitate it. The appeal would be dismissed.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL, concurring, expressed the hope that those who were responsible *for legislation* relating to civil legal aid might give consideration to the problems highlighted by this case.

Solicitors: Sheridans; Mr John Baker.

Bar to consider merits of appeal

In re D (Minors) (Family appeals)

The Bar should look with some care as to whether very sad family cases with no hope of succeeding ought to be brought to appeal.

Lord Justice Butler-Sloss so stated when, sitting with Sir Francis Purchas on October 4, the Court of Appeal dismissed the appeal of the wife from the decision of Judge Hallon, sitting in Bromley County Court on September 5, that a residence order be made in favour of the husband for the three children of the marriage.

HER LADYSHIP said that there was unfortunately no requirement for leave for such cases but it was not satisfactory for counsel to advise or to encourage a party to appeal in such a case, however dissatisfied the party was in the result.

Correction

In *Islam v Askar* (*The Times* October 20) the solicitors for the appellant plaintiff were Harvey Copping & Harrison, South Woodham Ferrers.

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Europe concedes World Cup ground to emerging Africans


Johansson: diplomatic

David Miller reports on behind-the-scenes moves to make sure the 1998 finals reflect a more global game

Generosity, and considerable diplomacy by Lennart Johansson, the Swedish president of Uefa, in negotiations for enlargement of the next World Cup in New York this week will have substantially strengthened his position as candidate to succeed João Havelange as president of Fifa, the world governing body.

Johansson resisted pressure from Germany and Italy to demand at least three of the additional eight places that have become available by the increase of the 1998 finals in France from 24 to 32. Johansson persuaded Uefa's executive committee, when they met two weeks ago, that they should be satisfied with two additional places.

"We must try to create understanding for each other," the affable, popular Swede said yesterday, referring to mounting pressures from Africa and Asia as the game in those continents accelerates. "The African and Asian confederations represent a number of growing countries, and these continents have shown their worth in youth football and in the Olympics. Their development is obvious, and this is a reason to motivate the distribution of extra places to these continents."

Johansson stated that he had not had to force his members, but with seven of the eight quarter-finalists this year in the United States, many European members felt they had earned the right to half the total of finalists in the final competition.

As it was, Fifa's executive committee yesterday decided that the quota should now be: Europe 14 (plus host country France); Africa five; South America four (plus champions Brazil); Asia/Oceania four; Concacaf (North and Central Americas) three.

This means that Europe, Africa and Asia/Oceania have an increase of two each, and South America — with Concacaf — only one.

"We got what we wanted, and we're satisfied," Johansson said. "It was never our intention to enter the debate about how the other six places should be distributed, and that those continents should sort it out among themselves. We were thanked by Havelange for our attitude. We still have a most powerful position. Even if ten of our 15 teams underperform, that still leaves us with five doing well!"

The executive committee, besides presenting the Fair Play and "Most Entertaining Team" awards to Brazil, lifted the sanction against Yugoslavia (Serbia-Montenegro) for a period of 100 days, allowing Yugoslavia to engage in friendly matches at all levels immediately.

Miljan Miljanic had already made informal approaches to the United States and Brazil for friendly matches in November and December, with the further possibility of meeting England on April 26. But that fixture would depend on the subsequent attitude of the United Nations regarding the ceasefire among former Yugoslav states.

There is also a suggestion that Yugoslavia, who were forced to withdraw, having qualified, from the 1992 European championship should be given a back door entry for 1996, even though the qualifying competition has already begun. The proposal is that they should make a third team in a play-off group with the two worst second-placed teams — from the eight qualifying groups — for a single place at the finals.

But Johansson said yesterday: "It is by no means certain that this would be approved. Here would be a strong team coming in to compete against others who have struggled their way through for many months. We are not obliged automatically to re-admit them — after all, we didn't start the war."

Predictably, Slovenia and Croatia are opposed to Yugoslavia's re-admission, as are the long-standing political allies of Croatia throughout this century, Germany and Austria. Gerhard Mayer-Vorfelder, the German member of the Fifa executive committee, has been particularly outspoken against Yugoslavia, though that troubled country has many allies within football, such is their history of performance over fifty years.

The current Yugoslav squad would be drawn entirely from players appearing at the moment in the professional leagues of Italy, Spain, Portugal, Germany, Japan, Greece and Scotland.

WHO GOES IN 1998

Holder: Brazil
Host: France

Europe	14	(12)
Africa	5	
S America	4	
Asia/Oceania	4	
CONCACAF	3	

Figures in brackets show allocation of teams for 1994 World Cup

Draw gives lesser lights chance to carry on shining

By Our Sports Staff

THE Coca-Cola Cup, once such a happy hunting ground for football clubs from outside the top division, is again shaping up nicely for the minnows. The draw for the fourth round yesterday pitted four of the most-fancied FA Carling Premiership teams in direct opposition.

In what is arguably the tie of the round, Liverpool were handed a trip to Ewood Park and a match against Blackburn Rovers, the team assembled at huge cost by their former manager, Kenny Dalglish. An appetising prospect is also in store at Maine Road, where Newcastle United, having disposed of Manchester United on Wednesday night, now take on free-scoring Manchester City.

One more Premiership club will go out of the competition when Crystal Palace entertain the holders, Aston Villa, and another could follow at that stage if Arsenal are able to defeat Oldham Athletic in a replay at Highbury on November 9. They would then be at home to Sheffield Wednesday, whom they defeated in both the 1993 Coca-Cola and FA Cup finals.

Two other Premiership teams will fancy their chances of appearing in the quarter-finals, having been drawn at home to Endsleigh Insurance League first division opposition. Nottingham Forest take on Millwall at the City Ground, while West Ham United's reward for their victory over Chelsea is a home tie against Bolton Wanderers, who eliminated Everton, Arsenal and Villa on their way to the sixth round of the FA Cup last season.

A third Premiership versus first division tie would see Norwich City entertain Notts County, who knocked Tottenham Hotspur out on Wednesday — provided that Norwich can first overcome Tranmere Rovers in a replay at Carrow Road — but one Endsleigh League team is guaranteed a place in the last eight, with the winners of the replay between Brighton and Swindon Town having home advantage against Derby County.

Fears that Gavin Peacock,

Nottingham Forest v Millwall; Crystal Palace v Aston Villa; Oldham Athletic or Arsenal v Sheffield Wednesday; Blackburn Rovers v Liverpool; Manchester City v Newcastle United; West Ham United v Bolton Wanderers; Tranmere Rovers or Norwich City v Notts County; Brighton or Swindon Town v Derby County.

Ties to be played week commencing November 28.

the Chelsea captain, had broken his right ankle at Upton Park were dismissed yesterday. Peacock was taken off on a stretcher after 15 minutes having suffered torn ankle ligaments and later underwent X-rays to reveal whether there had been any break.

Glenn Hoddle, the Chelsea manager, said yesterday: "The X-rays showed that there is no break and we are pleased about that, but Gavin could still be out for four weeks while the ligaments mend."

Peacock's injury has increased Hoddle's selection problems for their Premiership match against Sheffield Wednesday tomorrow. He was down to 14 fit senior players for the match against West Ham after injuries to 18 professionals, 15 of them senior squad members. Neil Shipperley is now the only recognised striker available.

There was better news, though, of two England midfield players. The captain, David Platt, has said that he is now "100 per cent fit" after knee surgery, which had kept him out of action since September 21.

Platt came on as a substitute for seven minutes in Sampdoria's 1-1 draw with Fiorentina on Wednesday night and he said yesterday: "The knee injury is now just a bad memory."

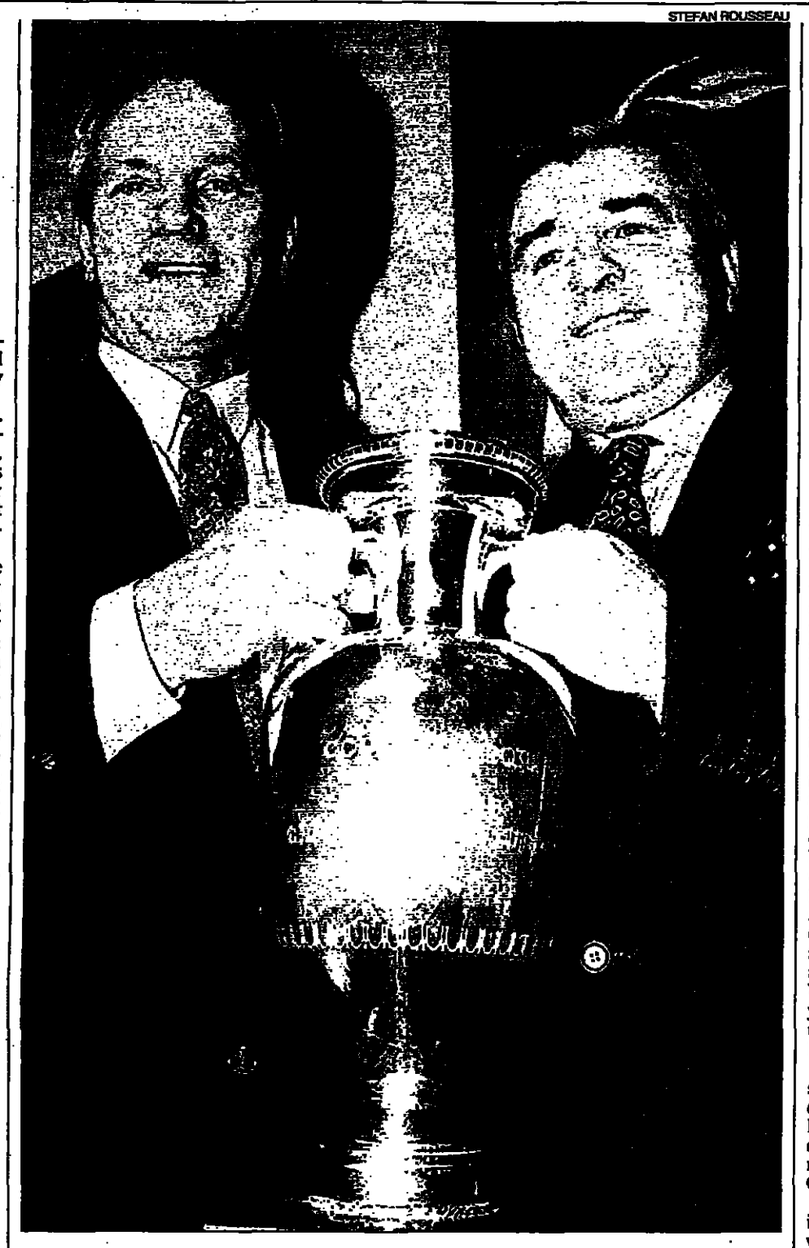
Platt will be available for England's next international, against Nigeria at Wembley on November 16. "I will play the full 90 minutes against Napoli on Sunday and, in all, I have five club games to play before the international," he said.

Since he was injured playing for his Italian club on September 21, Platt has missed two European Cup Winners' Cup games, four *Serie A* fixtures and England's draw with Romania at Wembley last month.

Robert Lee, the Newcastle player who scored on his debut after taking Platt's place against Romania, has declared himself fit for the Premiership match against Manchester United at Old Trafford tomorrow.

Lee, who injured a groin two days later in training, has missed Newcastle's four subsequent matches, but he said after a run-out yesterday: "Provided I don't get any adverse reaction to what I did at training, I'll be fit for selection for Saturday."

STEFAN ROUSSEAU


Terry Venables, the England football coach, and Richard Möller-Nielsen, the coach of Denmark, the holders, display the European championship trophy in Liverpool yesterday at the launch of Euro '96. From today, ticket application forms for the tournament, which is expected to be a sell-out, are available from FA Carling Premiership and Endsleigh Insurance League clubs and all branches of Midland Bank.

Expansion plan for Conference gathers support

By Walter Gammie

A PROPOSAL to establish a second division of the Vauxhall Conference is gaining favour among the competition's clubs as a wide-ranging debate about the structure of non-league football intensifies in the wake of Kidderminster Harriers' rejection by the Football League last season.

The Conference has thrown the proposal open for discussion in the belief that, unless there are reforms to its feeder league system, it is the best-placed competition to serve the interests of clubs in an age when, as the Kidderminster case proved, the quality of a club's ground, not its team or administration, is of most importance.

Bill King, the Conference chairman, admits the league's clubs have reacted eagerly to the idea of a second division: "Understandably, I think, those who have spent time and money developing their grounds see it as a way of ensuring their work will not be wasted," he said. "People will accuse us of being protectionist, but we feel under strong pressure to ensure our clubs build themselves up to standards that equip them for a move to the Football League. We cannot afford year after year to pass without one of our clubs moving up into the League."

King says pressure for a second divison will grow if discussion with the feeder league joint-liaison committee does not promote moves for reorganisation below the Conference.

"I personally favour keeping the Conference as it is, but with north and south regional divisions, based on ground criteria, beneath it with one-up and one-down promotion and relegation," King said. "The problem is that we have the southern league [the Beazer Homes League] with another one [the Diadora League] sitting in the middle of it."

An alternative scenario that King says "will be high on the agenda" when the liaison committee next meets will be the formation of a Midland League, an area covered at present by the Beazer Homes League, to go alongside northern and southern leagues.

Dennis Strudwick, the Beazer Homes League secretary, said: "We have a Midland division and 14 Midland clubs in the premier division that can all have a crack at the Conference. That works, so I see no need for a change."

Another battle that the Conference is still fighting is for proper recognition from the Football Trust for funding ground improvements. If this principle is established, any argument for a further Conference division would be be won hands down.

REVISED FA CUP FIRST-ROUND DRAW: November 12: York City v Rotherham United; Chesterfield v Scarborough; Hyde United v Darlington, Wrexham v Stockport County; Walsall v Rochdale; Wigan Athletic v Spennymoor United; Crewe Alexandra v Gresley Rovers, Chester City v Witton Albion, Burnley v Shrewsbury Town; Bishop Auckland v Bury; Halifax Town v Runcorn, Altrincham v Southport; Hull City v Lincoln City; Mansfield Town v Northwich Victoria; Doncaster Rovers v Huddersfield Town, Port Vale v Hartlepool United; Bradford City v Scunthorpe United; Exeter City v Crawley Town; Kingstonian v Brighton, Slough Town v Birmingham City; Newport (IoW) v Aylesbury United, Peterborough United v Northampton Town; Yeading v Colchester United; Bournemouth v Worthing; Hereford United v Hitchin Town; Bath City v Bristol Rovers, Heybridge Swifts v Gillingham, Kidderminster Harriers v Torquay United; Barnet v Woking; Cambridge United v Brentford; * Ashford Town v Fulham; Enfield v Cardiff City, Chesham United v Bashley; Tiverton Town v Leyton Orient; Wycombe Wanderers v Chelmsford City, November 13: Gusseley v Carlisle United (at Bradford City FC); * Marlow v Oxford United; * Kettering Town v Plymouth Argyle (live on Sky), Walton and Hersham v Swansea City November 14; * Preston North End v Blackpool (live on Sky).

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Kenya – Club Hotel Seahorse FB	

Edwards escapes life ban for steroid use

THE British shot putter, Paul Edwards, will escape a life ban from athletics after failing two drug tests in August. His punishment for using anabolic steroids is expected to be a four-year suspension.

Edwards tested positive for a number of steroids at the European championships in Helsinki and again shortly afterwards in an out-of-competition check.

International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) rules provide for a minimum four-year suspension for taking steroids and an automatic life ban for a second offence. However, in the case of Edwards, they are being treated as one offence because of the short time between tests. The IAAF spokesman, Christopher Winner, said: "If an athlete was not aware of the result of the first test before the second was conducted, it counts as one offence."

The British Athletic Federation (BAF) made no comment last night although a week has elapsed since the second test was confirmed — like the first — by B sample analysis.

The BAF spokesman, Tony Ward, said: "We have to get the agreement of all parties concerned and at the moment we do not have that agreement."

But it is believed that Edwards has waived his right to a hearing before a BAF disciplinary panel and accepted the ban.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

SIWASH

(b) An Indian, specifically of the North Pacific Coast. Chinook jargon, adapted from North American French *sauvage* savage in same sense. "As we neared the Narrows other Siwashes in other queer-looking canoes paddled out."

TARBAGAN

(c) A large long-haired marmot, *Marmota bobak* or *Marmota sibirica*, found in the steppes of east and central Asia, also the pelt of this animal. From the Russian *tarbagān*. "The giant marmot was being hunted for its fur, known as tarbagan skins."

VAALHAI

(a) A local name for the tope, *Galeorhinus galeus*, Afrikaans from the Dutch *vaal* pale + *haai* shark. "Tope: Vaalhai... This medium-sized (6 ft) cosmopolitan shark has recently become of considerable economic importance in South Africa for the extraction of vitamins from the liver-oil."

SHUL

(c) The synagogue, Yiddish adaptation of the German *schule* school. "They walked with downcast eyes and penitent countenances to the Shul (as the Synagogue is call'd)."

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Rulemakers keep paid option open

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHEN the findings of the International Rugby Football Board's (IRFB) working party on amateurism are reported in January, they will include contemplation of a professional game. However, Vernon Pugh, the board chairman who also heads the working party, stressed in Cardiff yesterday that the prevalent view remains that players should not be paid.

It is Pugh's hope that, when the board holds its annual meeting in Bristol next March, there can be uniform agreement on the way ahead over the next generation for rugby and the conditions under which the game is played: "At the moment, it's a messy situation and you can find arguments either way, either morally or in the national interest," Pugh said, "but do you therefore abandon everything and let everyone find their own level, or clamp down on every country, or do what the board has done, which is to seek to establish in a relatively short timeframe exactly what sort of game we are planning for?"

He agreed that the working party, whose members have canvassed views from the playing, coaching and administrative fraternity worldwide, was working to "an open slate", but last week's interim board meeting in Vancouver emphasised the care required to stop the wealthier leading countries running the game in a manner that caused wholesale disadvantage for the 50 other countries where it is played.

"There is a recognition that the game has changed dramatically, as a result of pressure which member unions themselves are putting on their players." Pugh said, with the feeling of one whose own union in Wales has been involved in 14 internationals over the past year. "We are making a professional demand on certain international players because of the number of fixtures they have to play."

Yet a professional, or semi-professional, game would inevitably strip the poorer nations of their better players, limiting their development and their ability to compete with the established unions — the antithesis of the process of democratisation of which some glimmer was seen in Vancouver.

That process includes the proposal to establish, under the aegis of the IRFB, regional groupings throughout the world and the extension of the 1999 World Cup to include 20 rather than 16 countries. Bids have been invited already for that World Cup, whose location will be decided in March.

The board is also considering the introduction of a card system by which referees can indicate action taken over incidents of foul play. In that respect, it might be said that South Africa received a yellow card on Wednesday night, during the 25-13 victory over Wales A at Newport.

An entertaining game played in constructive manner by both teams was marred by an isolated stamping, involving Kobus Wiese and Os du Randt, on Derwyn Jones, the Cardiff lock. South Africa must now work harder than ever to achieve an unsullied reputation. Their efforts will next be examined by Llanelli at Stradey Park tomorrow, where Francois Pienaar, the tour captain, makes his first appearance after recovering from tendinitis and an eye injury.

SOUTH AFRICANS (v Llanelli): A Joubert; C Badenhorst, P Muller, B Venter, C Williams; J Stransky, J van der Westhuizen; S Swart, U Schmidt, I Hattingh, F Pienaar, M Andrews, H Hattingh, E van der Bergh, G Teichmann

Brave new world awaits Wales

Gerald Davies says it is time for the national team to change course on the trek to South Africa

In so far as they have qualified for the rugby union World Cup and won through to the pool of their choice, Wales have achieved their immediate objectives. Yet, in so doing, they have prompted the feeling that because the prize has been so great and the achievement of the second objective so fundamental to their progress in South Africa next summer, their on-the-field "game plan", as they say nowadays, has been fostered by a siege mentality.

Play sure, play safe. The same philosophy seems now to infuse their selection policy: keep the same gang together. From the coaches' bunker, this may seem reasonable. So far, so good. But what of things to come?

The selectors may need to be brave from now on since the constitution of the team suggests that further progress may be difficult. There is a tough scenario ahead. The next three matches are as follows: South Africa, whom Wales have never beaten; the big French team are to be met in Paris, where Wales have not won in 20 years; and, equally sizable, England — the old enemy — in Cardiff.

It is one thing to nurture an *esprit de corps*, quite another to be so guided by a strong sense of loyalty to the band of brothers that selection policy may become blind to the claims of others. The Welsh selectors appear to have reached the point where they are too close to their familiar coterie of players.

The victory against Italy was an opportunity to change a player or two. Welsh players were conspicuously failing and, after only qualified success against Romania, ought, it seemed, to give way to others.



The Wales lineout's failure has heightened the claims of Derwyn Jones. Photograph: Anton Want/Allsport

The failure of the lineout, for instance, made the time propitious for the inclusion of the Cardiff lock, Derwyn Jones. The choice of Tony Clement, a full back playing on the wing instead of an experienced wing, was a clear manifestation of the mentality of "steady as she goes".

I do not hold the view, as others surprisingly do, that a question hangs over Neil Jenkins at stand-off half. It is only the Welsh — perhaps the French, too — who are constantly in search of some romantic, unattainable figure in this position. Nobody else in his right mind would query a national asset who has accumulated 308 points in his international career. Some say he should be at full back, others at centre. He simply wants to play in his club position. And that should be the end of it.

It is others around him who need attention. A perceived weakness in one player can be compensated by another. If Jenkins, say, is not an incisive runner, then a player with that quality should be chosen at centre outside him. In which case, Wales need to ask whether Nigel Davies and Mike Hall form the correct centre combination. Should not Mark Taylor, of Pontypool, or Neil Boobyer, of Llanelli, be considered?

More fundamentally, is Rupert Moon the right man to partner Jenkins? The scrum-half position is open for debate. There is a squad of very good players in this position in Wales that other countries might envy. Paul John, of Pontypridd, Robert Howley, of Bridgend, Andy Moore and Andy Booth, both of Cardiff, can be counted in this. Robbie Jones and Chris McDonald, both of whom, the one substituting the other, played superbly for Swansea against Bridgend recently. Then, of course, there is *the* Robert Jones, the classiest of the lot, who played his first game for Swansea against Maesteg last Saturday after recovering from a leg injury. All could be said to have a swifter pass than Moon.

But then it is not all Moon's fault. The recovery of the ball at ruck and maul is far too slow. This is not solely Wales's problem — it is a British and Irish one — and it is something which the South African touring team, on the evidence of their game against Wales A on Wednesday, may be about to teach us.

Hingis defeats Hack to reach last eight

MARTINA Hingis, the 14-year-old tennis prodigy from Switzerland, cruised past Sabine Hack, the No 4 seed from Germany, to reach the quarter-finals of the Essen tournament in Germany yesterday. Hingis, who celebrated her birthday last month, showed superb accuracy and great composure from the back of the court to beat Hack, the world No 18, 6-3, 6-0 in just 47 minutes. She now meets Karina Habsudova, of Slovakia, who is ranked No 39 in the world.

Hingis showed maturity well beyond her years as she waited patiently at the back of the court during a long rally before clinching the first set with a crisp backhand down the line. The second set was over in just 17 minutes, the youngster coolly finishing off proceedings with a forehand volley at the net. "I played well, but I was a bit nervous at the start," she said afterwards.

Event moves to Ireland

GOLF: The European Open, held in England every season since it began in 1978, is to move to Ireland for the next three years. The Jefferson Smurfit Group, a paper packaging company, is taking over sponsorship and intends to stage the four-day event at the Kildare Hotel and Country Club, near Dublin, starting on September 28, the week after the Ryder Cup match in Rochester, New York. Prize-money is to be increased to £650,000 next year. David Gilford won the 1994 tournament at East Sussex National last month.

Lakota sets record pace

YACHTING: Steve Fossett and Brian Thompson yesterday broke a speed sailing record, virtually halving Robin Knox-Johnson's 18-year-old round-Britain time. Sailing the 60ft trimaran *Lakota*, Fossett and Thompson, with a three-man crew, set a record of 5days 21hr 5min 27sec. Fossett, a Chicago-based financier, now holds three significant circumnavigation records, having sailed *Lakota* in record-breaking time around the Isle of Wight and Ireland.

Hamed faces tough task

BOXING: Naseem Hamed, of Sheffield, faces an unbeaten opponent for the first time when he defends his World Boxing Council international super-bantamweight title at the National Ice Rink, in Cardiff, on November 19. His opponent, Laureano Ramirez, 28, from the Dominican Republic, has won all his 18 bouts and holds the International Boxing Federation intercontinental super-bantamweight title.

Hall back in action

BADMINTON: Darren Hall, who produced three heartening victories for England in the recent series against China, takes part in the second Friends Provident British Grand Slam tournament, which starts at Perth today. Hall, 29, a former European champion and seven times the English national champion, suffered a back injury that has curtailed his season, but is seeded to meet Anders Nielsen in the final.

Hong Kong yesterday set a new scoring record for an international match by beating Singapore 164-13 in an Asian zone World Cup qualifying game in Kuala Lumpur.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE. Centre for European Legal Studies Public Lecture by the newly appointed Director of the Centre for European Legal Studies, Professor elect of European Law, Alan Dashwood. Thursday 3 November 1994 at 5.00 pm in the Lauterpacht Room, Clare College, Cambridge.

LEGAL NOTICES

(FOR PUBLICATION 28 OCTOBER 1994)

INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT 1982 (AS AMENDED)

THE ROYAL LONDON GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

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Notice is hereby given that application will be made on 1 November 1994 to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under Part II of Schedule 2C to the Insurance Companies Act 1982 by The Royal London General Insurance Company Limited for approval, pursuant to Part II of Schedule 2C to the Insurance Companies Act 1982 (as amended), of the transfer of all its rights and obligations under all the policies of commercial lines general insurance business written by it through its branches in Ireland, prior to 1 November 1994, to Economic Insurance Company Limited.

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Written representations concerning the transfer should be sent to the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Department of Trade and Industry, Insurance Division, 10-18 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0NN before 29 December 1994. The Secretary of State will not determine the application for approval of the transfer until after considering any such representations made to him before that date.

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Wouter Jongepier
Director

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SCHEDULE 2

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Any premises other than those which, during the franchise period have a maximum demand at or less than the franchise limit in the authorised areas of the following Public Electricity Supply Companies together with such premises as may, from time to time be specified by the Director (with the approval of the Secretary of State) for the purposes of Paragraph 5 of Condition 2 of a Second Tier Supply Licence:

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7. (a) Subject to sub-paragraph (b) indicate the total number of premises to be supplied in each power band as shown in the table below, together with the aggregate energy forecast to be supplied and the aggregate estimated maximum demand (see Note 3) for each power band.

(b) If the date in paragraph 5 above is on or after 1st April 1994 then only Power Band A shall be completed and if the said date is on or after 1st April 1998 then this paragraph shall cease to have effect.

NONE

Power Band	Number of premises	Aggregate maximum demand	Energy(Gwh) to be supplied
(A) Not exceeding 0.1MW	NONE	NONE	NONE
(B) Exceeding 0.1 MW but not exceeding 1.0 MW			

8. A description of the system of electric lines and electrical plant by means of which the applicant intends to supply electricity, indicating which plant and lines are to be constructed and which are existing plant and lines, and further identifying any parts of that system which will not be owned by or otherwise in the possession or control of the applicant

Lines and plant owned by the following:

Eastern Electricity Plc, East Midlands Electricity Plc, London Electricity Plc, Manweb Plc, Midlands Electricity Plc, Northern Electric Plc, Norweb Plc, Seeboard Plc, Southern Electric Plc, Yorkshire Electricity Plc, South Wales Electricity Plc, South Western Electricity Plc, The National Grid Company Plc.

9. A statement of the extent (if any) to which the applicant considers it necessary for powers under Schedule 3 (compulsory acquisition of land etc.) and under Schedule 4 (other powers etc.) to the Act to be given through the licence for which he is applying

Would apply for powers of acquisition of land etc. and all other powers available under Schedules 3 and 4 to the Act necessary to carry out activities under licence as a supplier of electricity within the areas defined.

10. Details of any licences held, applied for or being applied for by the applicant in respect of the generation, transmission or supply of electricity

NONE

Copies of maps relevant to the original application have been lodged in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Electricity (Applications for Licences and Extensions of Licences) Regulations 1990 at regional offices at the Office of Electricity Regulation. Copies are available for inspection by the public between 10am and 4pm on any working day.

GOLDCAST TRADING LIMITED (In Administrative Receivership) REGISTERED NUMBER: 2697645. TRADING NAME: W.P. Smart Services. NATURE OF BUSINESS: Heating and Plumbing Contractors. TRADE CLASSIFICATION 27. DATE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS: 19th October 1994. NAME OF PERSON APPOINTING THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS: Midland Bank Plc.
COLIN GEORGE WISEMAN & PETER ANTHONY LAWRENCE JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS OFFICE HOLDER NOS. 6712 & 6829 of South Wing, 6 Raleigh House, Admirals Way, Waterside, London, E14 9RN.

IN THE MATTER OF HAYMILLS HOLDINGS LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT AND 10.39 rule 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106, I, J A G Alexander of Pannell Kerr Forster, New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, give notice that on 14 October 1994 I was appointed Liquidator by resolutions of members.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 28th November 1994 to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned J A G Alexander of New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.

Note: This notice is purely formal. All creditors have been or will be paid in full.

Dated: 14 October 1994
Signed: J A G Alexander, Liquidator.

TERRAPLAS LIMITED
Notice is hereby given that:

1. At an extraordinary general meeting of the above-named company held at Grange Close, Clover Nook Industrial Park, South Normanton, Derbyshire on 24th October 1994 a special resolution was duly passed that it be the intent of Gilmour Thousand and twenty eight pounds and forty pence (£13,028.40) out of the Company's capital be reduced under section 171 and 172 of the Companies Act 1985 in respect of the purchase of one thousand nine hundred and seventy four (1,974) ordinary shares of one pound (£1) each under Section 162 of the said Act from Jed Quaid (as to one thousand six hundred and forty one (1,641) shares) and Kenneth Butler (as to three hundred and thirty three (333) shares) be authorised.
2. The statutory declaration dated 17th October 1994 and auditors' report required by Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 dated 17th October 1994 are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at Grange Close, Clover Nook Industrial Park, South Normanton, Derbyshire; and
3. Any creditor of the Company may apply to the High Court under Sections 176 and 177 of the Companies Act 1985 within the period of five weeks immediately following 24th October 1994 for an Order prohibiting the payment.

Dated 28th October 1994
R A Eke
Chairman

INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 Rule 4.106(3)

GROUPSAVE TRADING LIMITED IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ian Fraser, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Ian Fraser Associates, Comfort House, 84 Consult Place, London W2 1DZ was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company on the 24th October 1994.

All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to Mr Eric Prout at Comfort House, 84 Consult Place, London W2 1DZ

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
COPYLINE LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD on the 25th day of November 1994, at 10.30 am, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

Creditors only entitled to vote at the Meeting if a proof of debt, together with a proxy, if required, has been lodged at 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD not later than noon on 24 November 1994.

A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, for the two business days prior to the Meeting at Gibson Hewitt & Co., 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD.

Dated this 24th October 1994.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD. ROGER BARNARD, DIRECTOR.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
FULMAR AIR LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 11 November 1994 at 4, Chesterton Square, London W2 1EG at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 of and of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Messrs. Raymond Dorrington, FCA, of 4 Chesterton Square, London W2 1EG are appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (b) of the said Act to be the Chairman. A list of claims, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may consider necessary.

DATED this 20 day of October 1994. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD. RAYMOND BEST. DIRECTOR.

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified, after which date the assets of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

HULL, HARRY JOHN, 62, Beechcroft Way, Norbury, London SW16, died 22nd March 1994, pertinent to Edward James & Co., Solicitors, 2 Upper Green East, Mitcham, Surrey, CR4 2PF before 9th January 1995.

LEGAL, PUBLIC, COMPANY & PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

TO PLACE NOTICES FOR THIS SECTION PLEASE TELEPHONE

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Notices are subject to confirmation and should be received by 2.30pm two days prior to insertion.

FOOTBALL

SOUTH AMERICAN SUPER CUP: Semi-finals, second leg: Independiente (Arg) 4 Cruzeiro (Br) 0 (Independiente win 4-1 on agg); São Paulo (Br) 1 Boca Juniors (Arg) 0 (Boca Juniors win 2-1 on agg).

Wednesday's results

COCA-COLA CUP: Third round: Aston Villa 1 Middlesbrough 0; Blackburn Rovers 2 Coventry 0; Brighton 1 Swindon 1; Newcastle 2 Manchester United 0; Notts County 3 Tottenham Hotspur 0; Oldham Athletic 0 Arsenal 0; Portsmouth 0 Derby County 1; Sheffield Wednesday 1 Southampton 0; Tranmere Rovers 1 Norwich City 1; West Ham United 1 Chelsea 0; Wolverhampton Wanderers 2 Nottingham Forest 3.

SCOTTISH COCA-COLA CUP: Semi-final: Celtic 1 Aberdeen 0 (aet, 0-0 after 90mins).

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Leicester City 4 Kidderminster Harriers 1 Dulwich Hamlet 4 Feltham and Hounslow Borough 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Corby Town 3 Sudbury 4; Sittingbourne 1 Dorchester Town 2. Midland division: Dudley Town 3 Armitage 2; Sutton Coldfield Town 1 RC Warwick 1; Southern division: Fareham Town 1 Poole Town 0. Dr Martens Cup: First round: Second leg: Forest Green Rovers 0 Newport AFC 3.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Winsford 1 Buxton 2. First division Cup: Congleton 0 Caernarfon Town 3.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Buckingham Athletic 4 Letchworth Gc 0.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Hallam 1 Glasshoughton 1; President's Cup: First round: Brigg Town 4 Hall Road Rangers 0; Harrogate 0 Thackley 2.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Tennents Floodlit Trophy: Second leg: Nantwich Town 2 Rossendale United 2 (Nantwich win 5-2 on agg); Penrith 1 Clitheroe 1 (Penrith win 3-2 on agg); Cheadle Town 1 Kidsgrove Athletic 3.

FA CUP: Fourth qualifying round replay: Warrington Town 0 Hyde United 2.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: First division: Woolwich Town 2 Catford Wanderers 1.

JEWSON SOUTH WESTERN LEAGUE: Launceston 4 Devon and Cornwall Police 0; St Blazey 0 Holsworthy 0; Bodmin Town 5 Penzance 0.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridport 1 Elmore 3; Frome Town 0 Mangotsfield United 2; Saltash United 1 Torrington 1.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Rotherham United 1 Bolton Wanderers 2. Second division: Barnsley 4 Hull City 0; Blackpool 1 Preston North End 2; Port Vale 0 Birmingham City 3; York City 0 Bradford City 1.

YORKSHIRE FLOODLIT CUP: Quarter-final: Harrow Town 1 Harworth Cl 1.

HELLENIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Premier division cup: Second round: Midleton Town 0 Abingdon United 3; Kintbury Rangers 0 Swindon Supermarine 12; North Leigh 0 Banbury Utd 2.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN: League Cup: Billingham Town 2 West Auckland 1; Consett 3 Willington 1; Eppleton CW 8 Darlington CS 1; Langley Park 1 Horden CW 2; Northallerton Town 0 Brandon United 2; Shildon 2 Peterlee 2 (aet; Peterlee win 4-3 on pens); Hartlepool 1 Norton 0.

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Rounds 5 Mirrless Blackstone 0.

OTHER MATCH: Konica League of Wales 0 National League of Ireland 2.

ITALIAN CUP: Third round: Second leg: Internazionale 2 AC Milan 1 (Inter win 4-2 on aggregate); Torino 2 Foggia 1 (2-4); Sampdoria 1 Fiorentina 1 (2-3); Piacenza 2 Lazio 3 (4-6); Cremonese 0 Napoli 1 (0-4); AS Roma 3 Genoa 0 (3-2); Reggiana 2 Juventus 1 (2-3).

DUTCH LEAGUE: Willem II Tilburg 2 PSV Eindhoven 1; Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 0 Roda JC Kerkrade 4; Sparta Rotterdam 3 Dordrecht '90 1; Ajax 5 Heerenveen 1; MVV Maastricht 1 Feyenoord 4; Volendam 1 NAC Breda 1; Groningen 3 RKC Waalwijk 1.

GERMAN CUP: Third round: Munich 1860 1 Schalke 04 2.

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CUP: Third preliminary round: First leg: Thames Valley Tigers 77 (Bucknell 19, Ridley 17, Scoulding 12, Austin 10, Bellogun 10), Croatia Insurance Split 72 (Models 19, Portmann 12); Olimpija Ljubljana (Slovenia) 91 Real Madrid (Sp) 68, Pesaro (It) 82 Panathinaikos (Gr) 66.

BOXING

LEEDS: Commonwealth super-middleweight championship: Henry Wharton (York, holder) to Stipo Moyo (Zimb), 1st rnd. Super-middle: Michael Gale (Leeds) bt Bobbi Joe Edwards (Manchester), pts. Cruiser: Darryl Sparke (Leeds) to Steve Lewsham (Grimsby), 2nd rnd. Light-middle: David Ireland (Leeds) to Andy Jarvis (Liverpool), 6th rnd. Light-welter: Chris Saunders (Barnsley) bt Lindon Scarlett (Birmingham), pts.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD (second day of four): South Australia 139 and 89-2; Queensland 488-6 dec (A R Border 157 not out, M Love 87, M L Hayden 86, T Barsby 76).

GOLF

GOLF FOUNDATION TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SCHOOLS: Qualifying round: Brokenhurst Manor GC: 251: Bournemouth (P Walley 73, M Wilson 74, D Miller 84), 255: Barton Peveril Coll, Eastleigh, 259: Winchester Coll. Best Individual: P Walley (Bournemouth) 73.

VOLVO ORDER OF MERIT: 1, C Montgomerie (GB) $602,919.58; 2, S Ballesteros (Sp) $482,928.26; 3, J M Olazabal (Sp) $353,857.57; 4, B Langer (Ger) $327,483.35; 5, M A Jimenez (Sp) $310,103.22; 6, E Els (SA) $311,849.88; 7, D Gilford (GB) $294,779.45; 8, N Feldo (GB) $293,736.39; 9, M Roe (GB) $288,133.66; 10, V Singh (Fij) $273,138.75.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Sheffield 2 Australia XIII 80

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH
Wales A 13 South Africa 25

KUALA LUMPUR: Asian World Cup qualifying tournament: Group B: Hong Kong 164 Singapore 13; South Korea 65 Thailand 13.

TENNIS

ESSEN: Women's tournament: First round: A Huber (Ger) bt Y Basuki (Indo) 6-3, 6-0. Second round: K Hobeudova (Slovenia) bt A Carlsson (Swe) 6-2, 6-4; S Appelmans (Bel) bt M Oremans (Hol) 6-0, 7-5; I Majoli (Cro) bt E Makarova (Russ) 6-3, 6-2; N Medvedeva (Ukr) bt L Meshki (Geo) 6-0, 6-4; M Hingis (Switz) bt S Hack (Ger) 6-3, 6-0; A Huber (Ger) bt J Kruger (SA) 6-2, 6-3.

STOCKHOLM: Men's tournament: Second round: W Ferreira (SA) bt P Rafter (Aus) 3-6, 6-2, 6-1; A Agassi (US) bt N Kulti (Swe) 0-6, 7-5, 6-3; S Edberg (Swe) bt L Rehmann (Ger) 6-4, 7-5; J Courier (US) bt A Volkov (Russ) 6-1, 6-4; M Larsson (Swe) bt M Chang (US) 6-4, 6-3; P Sampras (US) reb. M Rosset (Switz) 6-2; B Becker (Ger) bt A Chesnokov (Russ) 6-4, 6-3; M Stich (Ger) bt J Courier 7-5, 6-3.

SANTIAGO, Chile: Men's tournament: First round: K Novacek (Cz) bt V Spadea (US) 6-2, 5-7, 8-2. Second round: S Dosedel (Cz) bt C Miniussi (Arg) 6-4, 6-4; J Arrese (Sp) bt G Schaller (Austria) 6-4, 6-3; F Davin (Arg) bt M Filippini (Uru) 6-3, 6-1; A Corretja (Sp) bt E Sanchez (Sp) 1-6, 7-5, 6-3.

BASINGSTOKE: Satellite tournament: Men: Final: G Henderson (GB) bt P Hand (GB) 6-7, 6-3, 6-4.

RUGBY UNION

Tour match
Bridgend v Far North XV (SA) (7.15)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
First division
Hull v Wigan (7.30)

YORKSHIRE COMPETITION: Semi-finals: Bradford Northern v Doncaster (7.30), Castleford v Hull KR (7.30).

FOOTBALL

FA VASE: First round: Paget Rangers v Barwell (7.30).

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: East Grinstead v Newhaven (7.30).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: AUP Trophy: Birmingham v Hemel (8.0).

LACROSSE: International match: England v World All Stars (Ewen Fields, Hyde 7.0).

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Shaikh spreads his options

By Julian Muscat

BARRY Hills and André Fabre are to join the ranks of trainers to Shaikh Maktoum Al-Maktoum as a consequence of the inward-thinking of the German racing authorities, who have introduced regulations aimed at restricting the participation of horses bred outside Germany in a series of valuable races.

In addition to Mark Johnston, who is to receive five horses from Shaikh Maktoum for the first time, Hills has been allocated six yearlings and Fabre three. It is significant that each of the shaikh's new trainers is based outside Newmarket, where he has traditionally housed the racehorses he campaigns in Britain.

Michael Goodbody, manager of Shaikh Maktoum's Gainsborough Stud, said the move away from racing's headquarters is designed as a safeguard against the ravages of the Equine Herpes-Virus (EHV). "We have had some problems with the virus in Newmarket this year, so it makes sense to spread the string around," he explained yesterday.

Earlier this year, a strain of EHV manifested itself in Shaikh Maktoum's Oak Stables, from where Alex Scott trained until his death four weeks ago. The site has been re-named Gainsborough Stables. Ed Dunlop, who has succeeded Scott, is to handle 17 yearlings on behalf of the shaikh and his Dubai-based associates.

Goodbody confirmed that his patron's reduced commitment to German racing, after two years of involvement, stemmed from that country's protectionist stance. "Shaikh Maktoum went to Germany in good faith to support the industry," he said. "We went to the Keeneland sales last month to buy yearlings specifically for German racing. Although we were slightly taken aback by their actions, we will play by their rules.

"It is a shame," he continued. "All the horses we bought at Keeneland cost $100,000 or more. There are some nice animals but some have now gone to other trainers. Eleven yearlings will be based in Germany, including three we bought at the sales in Baden-Baden." The internationally-minded element within German racing circles will be dismayed at the development, particularly as that country has done much to dissolve restrictions on horses bred outside Germany from contesting their best events.

Overall, Shaikh Maktoum will have a reduced string of two-year-olds representing him next season. He made around 30 yearling purchases in Europe, a figure well below the levels of recent years as his breeding operation evolves towards maturity. In addition, he has sent three of his best classic prospects, Lammtarra, Nuriva and Tamayaz, to winter in Dubai, where they will join a further three yearling colts he bought at the Newmarket Houghton Sales last month.

Hatoof and Ezzoud, his two outstanding racehorses, are to conclude their racing careers a week tomorrow in the Breeders' Cup at Churchill Downs. Should Ezzoud win the Classic, he will take up stallion duties at the shaikh's Gainsborough Farm in Kentucky. Whatever her fate in the Turf, Hatoof, trained in France by Criquette Head, is to stay in Kentucky to be bred to Mr Prospector.

Nap: Broughton's Pride (3.15 Newmarket)
Next best: Chief Burundi (1.30 Newmarket)

ED BYRNE



Hatoof will be covered by Mr Prospector in Kentucky after her final race in the Breeders' Cup Turf

Sampling the heady diet at Flemington Park

From Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent, in Melbourne

Dawn mist still obscured the distant city skyscrapers as Father Joe Giacobee and racing's faithful thousands made their way to Flemington racecourse yesterday — along with the police "booze bus".

Beneath a banner proclaiming "Tackle Diabetes: Healthy Diet. Try It" hundreds of flutes were repeatedly filled with champagne. Punters took the hint and kept trying. Across the way, they were confronted with a conflicting message. "Approved by the Heart Foundation. The Lamb'urgini of All Burgers." In between, fried eggs, sausages, potatoes, bread rolls and a curious concoction, described as Chickadee Devil Food, were piled on to plates. Only the Tetley tea urn seemed out of place — and out of use.

Upwards of 3,000 people munched and maintained the need for the opening of champagne bottles. The early birds who arrived shortly after 5am caught a glimpse of some Cup runners having a racetrack work-out. The latecomers, some armed with cold boxes filled with well-known amber nectar, had to make do with other horses being trained on the dirt track, and a stream of interviews with "the stars" talking about Cup chances.

Up in the glass-fronted Terrace restaurant an Aus$40 (£18) a head breakfast attracted owners, sponsors, trainers, jockeys and a fleeting visit from Father Joe Giacobbe. Father Joe, a Roman Catholic priest at St Augustines church in the western Melbourne suburb of Yarraville, has not missed a Melbourne Cup in 30 years — and racing plays a crucial part in his ministry. "I grew up in the Flemington area and have been going to the races for 35 years. Racing has been very good to me and through it I have been able to go overseas."

The sport has also helped him make contacts which have helped to keep running the Doxa Youth Foundation, which he set up 20 years ago. Apart from providing thousands of children from poorer homes with holidays and funding — some to go to university — the foundation also publishes a racing paper called *Winning Post*, which has a national circulation in Australia.

He said: "Racing is a great equaliser. In all the years I have been going racing I have never seen any bad behaviour. The greatest thing in life is to live without prejudice and in racing there is no prejudice."

Maybe, but Bart Cummings comes pretty close to showing it when asked about the European-trained raiders being sent over to contest Australia's most famous race. Cummings is a legend, having trained nine winners of the Cup, but he sounds rather like a Euro-sceptic on the Conservative backbenches when questioned about horses from Europe.

Are they a real threat? "Yes," he stated emphatically. While remaining in favour of competition and against protectionism, he still seethes about the way Vintage Crop was let in so lightly last year. He has a point and added: "All you have to do is weight them on their merits — in which case they will find it hard to win. I would like to give the handicapper a hand."

As 400 VIPs tucked in, watched recordings of races on their personal television monitor, or had a go at Karaoke race-calling, only one note of caution was introduced. A "booze bus", from which police breathalise drivers, had been parked on the drive leading out of the racecourse.

Fortunately, taxis were close to hand. "I've just managed to avoid having to take two drunken Sheilas. Nothing worse than drunken Sheilas," Alan Palmer, a 56-year-old taxi driver, explained as we headed out of the course.

Suddenly, the "booze bus" came into view. Surely, a taxi driver would not have to blow into the bag just after 9am ... "If coffee was alcohol I would blow it up," Palmer told the strikingly attractive policewoman after being waved down. "Give it a go," she said. Palmer obliged. "No worries," came the reply.

Quite so, unless Vintage Crop wins the Cup and Messrs Atherton and Gooch win the Ashes.

Vintage Crop, who has escaped infection after his leg injury, walked and trotted at Sandown Park racecourse yesterday. Weld is hopeful that the seven-year-old will contest the Melbourne Cup on Tuesday. Cliveden Gail is a definite runner.

THUNDERER
1.00 Twice As Sharp. 1.30 Rosencrantz. 2.05 Desert Shot. 2.40 Dover Patrol. 3.15 Broughton's Pride. 3.50 TOP PEARL (nap). 4.25 Last Quarry.

Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.05 DESERT SHOT.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.00 BLUE OCEAN (nap). 1.30 Rosencrantz. 2.05 Desert Shot.

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

1.00 EBF RED LODGE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,618: 6f) (13 runners)

101 (9) 2 BLUE OCEAN 30 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 75
102 (12) CRYSTAL GIFT (W Ponsonby) P Cole 9-0 ... W Carson —
103 (2) 0 FIRE BLAST 14 (G Sainaghi) L Cumani 9-0 ... O Urbina 64
104 (11) 0 HENRY WESTON 39 (K Weston) P Howling 9-0 ... N Carlisle —
105 (7) 6 HIGH PRIEST 14 (Square Mile Partnership) L Cumani 9-0 ... J Weaver 65
106 (3) MAJOR CHANGE (Mrs C Powell) R Hannon 9-0 ... L Dettori —
107 (8) MOUSEHOLE (A Lindsey) R Guest 9-0 ... W Woods —
108 (10) ROCKY MELODY (P Davies) P Howling 9-0 ... Dean McKeown —
109 (6) 2265 TWICE AS SHARP 15 (Formula Twelve) P Harris 9-0 ... R Cochrane
110 (1) BARN HALL (D Williams) D Williams 8-9 ... N Adams —
111 (13) CROWN OF LOVE (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-9 ... G Hind —
112 (5) MERLIN'S FANCY (Mrs R Kennard) W Jarvis 8-9 ... M Hills —
113 (4) 05 SOVIET BRIDE 55 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 8-9 ... J Tate (3) 70

BETTING: 5-2 Blue Ocean, 9-2 High Priest, 5-1 Twice As Sharp, 7-1 Crown Of Love, 10-1 Crystal Gift, 12-1 Major Change, Fire Blast, 14-1 others.

1993: GREEN GREEN DESERT 9-0 W R Swinburn (3-1) M Stoute 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLUE OCEAN 2l 2nd of 15 to Stylish Ways in maiden at Nottingham (6f, soft), with HENRY WESTON tailed off last. CRYSTAL GIFT (foaled Mar 15, cost 12,000gns). By Dominion, first foal; dam half-sister to grade I winner, unplaced. FIRE BLAST 9l 8th of 14 to Night Hero in maiden over course and distance (good to firm). HIGH PRIEST 9l 5th of 14 to Golden Melody in maiden over course and distance (good to firm). TWICE AS SHARP about 2¼l 5th of 26 to Maid For Walking in the Tota Two-Year-Old Trophy at Redcar (6f, good). MERLIN'S FANCY (May 3). By Caerleon, half-sister to champion sprinter Cadeaux Genereux; dam winning sprinter. SOVIET BRIDE 13¾l 5th of 15 to Al Widyan in maiden at Thirsk (1m, good to firm).
Selection: TWICE AS SHARP

1.30 MULTIYORK SOHAM HOUSE CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,590: 1m) (7 runners)

201 (7) 142 PIPE MAJOR 49 (F) (Lord Scarsdale) P Haslam 8-13 ... J Weaver
202 (1) BURNING (K Dasmal) G Harwood 8-11 ... M Hills —
203 (6) 2 CHIEF BURUNDI 15 (BF) (G Sainaghi) L Cumani 8-11 ... L Dettori 97
204 (5) 00 LE SORCIER 28 (The Witch Racing Club) G Enright 8-11 ... T Ives —
205 (3) MEZAAN (Mana Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11 ... W R Swinburn —
206 (4) 2 ROSENCRANTZ 13 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-11 ... W Ryan 90
207 (2) 5 MISS REDWOOD 4 (L Norris) P Kelleway 8-6 ... M Roberts 70

BETTING: 7-4 Rosencrantz, 9-4 Pipe Major, 5-2 Chief Burundi, 7-1 Mezaan, 14-1 Burning, 25-1 Miss Redwood, 50-1 Le Sorcier.

1993: KING OF NAPLES 8-11 S Raymont (14-1) R Charlton 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

PIPE MAJOR 6l 2nd of 7 to Sri Pekan in group II Champagne Stakes at Doncaster (7f, good). BURNING (foaled Feb 7). By Bering, first foal; dam unraced. CHIEF BURUNDI ½l 2nd of 26 to Vetori in maiden over course and distance (good). LE SORCIER 24l last of 7 to Green City in maiden at Goodwood (6f, good to firm). MEZAAN (Feb 13, cost 240,000gns). By Royal Academy, half-brother to middle-distance winner Jaberoot; dam, half-sister to dual grade I winner, unplaced. ROSENCRANTZ 5¼l 2nd to Smart Alec in conditions race here (7f, good to firm). MISS REDWOOD 7l 5th to Red Light in maiden at Lingfield (7f, soft).
Selection: CHIEF BURUNDI

2.05 JAMES SEYMOUR STAKES (Listed race: £9,681: 1m 2f) (9 runners)

301 (9) 641141 DESERT SHOT 14 (C,D,F,G) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-3 W R Swinburn
302 (5) 14-5031 ALJAZZAF 29 (D,F) (R Lynch) R Akehurst 4-9-0 ... L Dettori 97
303 (7) 0-30200 RISK MASTER 6 (G) (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 5-9-0 ... W Woods 92
304 (1) 1326-10 SOURCE OF LIGHT 28 (D,F,G,S) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 5-9-0 ... R Cochrane 95
305 (6) 200064 PINKERTON'S PAL 14 (F) (Miss E Macgregor) C Brittain 3-8-8 ... M Roberts 83
306 (2) 2-66343 THE DEEP 49 (C,S) (K Al-Said) B Hills 3-8-8 ... M Hills 80
307 (8) 22-10 TOM WALLER 15 (D,S) (Greenbay Stables Ltd) H Cecil 3-8-8 ... W Ryan 71
308 (4) 0-17244 SHORTFALL 20 (D,BF,F,G) (P Player) D Loder 3-8-4 ... J Weaver 92
309 (3) 14-4504 VELVET MOON 21 (F,G) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 3-8-4 ... W Carson 92

BETTING: 7-4 Desert Shot, 4-1 Shortfall, 5-1 Aljazzaf, Velvet Moon, 7-1 Source Of Light, 10-1 The Deep, 12-1 Pinkerton's Pal, 14-1 others.

1993: MEADOW PIPIT 4-8-9 W R Swinburn (6-1) J Gosden 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

DESERT SHOT beat Mistle Cat 4l in 6-runner listed race here (1m 1f, good to firm), with PINKERTON'S PAL (4lb better off) 5¾l 4th. ALJAZZAF beat Airpost 2l in an 11-runner handicap at Ascot (1m 2f, good to firm). SOURCE OF LIGHT beat Zilzal Zamaan head in 5-runner conditions race at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good) on penultimate start, with THE DEEP (9lb worse off) 2¾l 3rd. THE DEEP best effort 3¾l 3rd of 10 to Revere in conditions race at Nottingham (1m 2f, good to firm). TOM WALLER beat Mr Towser 5l in 16-runner maiden at Pontefract (1m 2f, good to soft) on penultimate start. SHORTFALL best effort 3½l 2nd of 11 to Old Hickory in listed race at York (1m 2f 85yd, good to firm). VELVET MOON about 2¾l 4th of 12 to Sarvinista in listed race at Ascot (1m, good to firm).
Selection: SHORTFALL (nap)

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TRAINERS: R Charlton, 19 winners from 86 runners, 22.1%; H Cecil, 62 from 315, 19.7%; J Gosden, 56 from 325, 17.2%; Lady Herries, 6 from 35, 17.1%; P Chapple-Hyam, 16 from 97, 16.5%; D Loder, 8 from 49, 16.3%; M Stoute, 51 from 337, 15.1%.

JOCKEYS: W R Swinburn, 73 winners from 432 rides, 16.9%; L Dettori, 75 from 554, 13.5%; W Carson, 72 from 545, 13.2%; M Roberts, 69 from 553, 12.5%; N Varley, 4 from 35, 11.4%; J Weaver, 10 from 89, 11.2%; L Newton, 4 from 36, 11.1%.

2.40 GEORGE STUBBS RATED HANDICAP (Listed race: £9,293: 2m) (5 runners)

401 (3) 300331 FURTHER FLIGHT 27 (CD,F,G,S) (S Wingfield Digby) B Hills 8-9-7 ... M Hills 95
402 (4) 0-51412 MUSE 111 (F,S) (White Horse Racing Ltd) D Elsworth 7-8-8 ... M Roberts 92
403 (1) 864420 DOVER PATROL 13 (G,S) (L Holliday) H Cecil 4-8-7 ... W Ryan
404 (5) 652101 TREE OF LIFE 7 (D,F,S) (Lord Halifax) L Cumani 4-8-7 ... L Dettori 93
405 (2) 310461 LA RIVERAINE 18 (G) (J Richmond-Watson) J Hills 3-7-11 ... M Henry 88

Long handicap: Tree Of Life 8-0, La Riveraine 7-0.

BETTING: 2-1 Further Flight, 9-4 Dover Patrol, 5-2 Muse, 6-1 Tree Of Life, 14-1 La Riveraine.

1993: MY PATRIARCH 3-9-1 Pat Eddery (7-4 fav) J Dunlop 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

FURTHER FLIGHT beat Capias 7l in group III Jockey Club Cup over course and distance (good). MUSE 1¾l 2nd to Castle Courageous in handicap at York (1m 6f, good to firm). DOVER PATROL best effort 2l 4th to Hasten To Add in Tote Ebor Handicap at York (1m 6f, good to firm), with TREE OF LIFE (6lb worse off) about 4¾l 12th. TREE OF LIFE better effort beat Zeboon 5l in conditions race at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: FURTHER FLIGHT

3.15 FEDERATION OF BRITISH RACING CLUBS FILLIES HANDICAP (£5,361: 1m 4f) (27 runners)

501 (14) 600134- HOME FROM THE HILL 356 (D,G,S) M Channon 4-10-0 ... R Hughes 88
502 (26) 515 UNCHARTED WATERS 17 (F) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-9-11 ... J D Smith (5) 97
503 (25) 056 NAULAKHA 27 (Gloomfield Ltd) J Gosden 3-9-6 ... G Hind 80
504 (24) 4350 BELLS 23 (B) (Fittocks Stud) L Cumani 3-9-4 ... W Ryan 87
505 (16) 116333 MINAAFA 18 (F) (H Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-9-3 ... W Carson 92
506 (18) 50-2060 LARRIKIN 35 (V,G) (Maverick Productions Ltd) Lord Huntingdon 5-9-2 J Weaver 90
507 (1) 001040 ONE WILD OAT 21 (B,F) Mme M Bollack-Badel (Fr) 3-9-1 ... A Badel —
508 (2) 400534 SPRING SIXPENCE 17 (F) (CIT Racing Ltd) J Fanshawe 4-9-0 ... W Woods 94
509 (7) 5043 DEERLET 14 (V) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-9-0 ... L Dettori 93
510 (12) 400005 KARINSKA 13 (F,G) (G Whiting) M Chapman 4-9-0 ... L Piggott 93
511 (28) 255341 TRES CHER 13 (B,F) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-11 ... M Hills 95
512 (11) 234 BALLET ROUGE 27 (L Foot) A Jarvis 3-8-11 ... W R Swinburn
513 (3) 030500 ZUNO NOELYN 16 (F) (Mrs L Fazah) G Lewis 3-8-11 ... A Whelan (7) 94
514 (5) 223000 RUBY HEIGHTS 13 (G) ([illegible]) W Jarvis 3-8-9 ... R Cochrane 92
515 (10) 6-3300 PIP'S DREAM 9 (P Asquith) M Ryan 3-8-6 ... G Carter 87
516 (13) 00029 BROUGHTON'S PRIDE 14 (Mrs J Morris) S Kettlewell 3-8-6 ... D R McCabe (5) 96
517 (6) 00-00 KARLIKE KA 28 (A Paton) R Dickin 3-8-6 ... C Rutter —
518 (23) 040000 RABA 9 (G) (L Glanarm) C Williams 6-8-5 ... J Quinn 85
519 (22) 342163 RED DANCER 30 (B,D,G) (Lancaster Partnership) M Bell 3-8-4 ... M Fenton 88
520 (19) 004 PERSIAN SMOKE 30 (Mrs A Hepmand) A Hide 3-8-4 ... M Henry (7) 90
521 (27) 0/000-00 AUNTIE GINGER 11 (Mrs G Oakley) P Butler 4-8-2 ... T Williams —
522 (15) 531-000 DUBALL REMY 18 (G) (D Batts) J Scargill 3-8-2 ... F Norton 91
523 (8) 000043 LA MENORQUINA 23 (J Ardent) D Marks 4-8-0 ... J Lowe 92
524 (21) 064620 COMTEC'S LEGEND 22 (F,G) (Dualfast Ltd) J Bottomley 4-7-10 ... N Kennedy 86
525 (9) 540361 LADY TJONGER 107 (V,D,G) (The Inn Crowd) J Scargill 3-7-10 ... J Fanning 88
526 (17) 600500 ARIAN SPIRIT 8 (Mrs R Brown) W Musson 3-7-7 ... N Adams 85
527 (4) 002460 MASURI KABISA 22 (V) (N Elahi) H Collingridge 3-7-7 ... C Hawksley (5) 87

Long handicap: Arian Spirit 7-5, Masuri Kabisa 7-1.

BETTING: 7-1 Tres Cher, 8-1 Ballet Rouge, Minaafa, 10-1 Broughton's Pride, Deerlet, Spring Sixpence, 12-1 Bells, Lady Tjonger, Uncharted Waters, 14-1 Naulakha, Red Dancer, 16-1 others.

1993: RIZ BIZ 3-7-4 Darren Moffatt (16-1) M Bell 35 ran

FORM FOCUS

UNCHARTED WATERS beat The French Friar neck in 12-runner maiden at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with BALLET ROUGE (14lb better off) 10¾l 4th and NAULAKHA (5lb better off) 5l 6th. MINAAFA 3¾l 3rd of 10 to La Riveraine in handicap at Leicester (1m 4f, good). SPRING SIXPENCE 5l 4th of 19 to Son Of Sharp Shot in handicap at Leicester (1m 2f, good). DEERLET two heads 3rd of 13 to Peep O Day in apprentices' maiden at Catterick (1m 4f, good to firm), with BROUGHTON'S PRIDE (8lb better off) 3¾l 8th. TRES CHER beat Saly ¾l in 17-runner rated stakes at Catterick (1m 6f, good to firm).
Selection: DEERLET

3.50 POTTER NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £4,659: 5f) (9 runners)

601 (3) 210 FRENCH GRIT 15 (D,F) (C Wilson) M Dods 9-7 ... Dale Gibson 88
602 (7) 415156 IN LOVE AGAIN 22 (D,F,G,S) (W Ponsonby) M Channon 9-2 ... J Stack (5) 95
603 (2) 316201 THAT MAN AGAIN 14 (B,D,F) (M Jameson) G Lewis 9-1 ... A Whelan (7)
604 (8) 160 DOUBLE QUICK 62 (D,S) (R Huggins) M Johnston 8-11 ... J Weaver 90
605 (4) 310 TOP PEARL 133 (D,G) (P Jacobs) N Graham 8-1 ... A McGlone 94
606 (9) 000 PALDAO 14 (Reliance Veneer Company Ltd) L Holt 7-7 ... N Adams —
607 (5) 525 SUPER SONATA 56 (J Maxwell) M Tompkins 7-7 ... D Wright (5) 89
608 (1) 340041 THARWA 2 (BF,S) (K Al-Said) N Callaghan 7-7 (7ex) ... M Baird (7) 95
609 (6) 6000 MAGIC LEADER 44 (Miss R Bryant) T Clement 7-7 ... S Lanigan (7) —

Long handicap: Paldao 7-5, Super Sonata 7-4, Tharwa 7-1, Magic Leader 6-4

BETTING: 3-1 That Man Again, 4-1 Top Pearl, 9-2 French Grit, 5-1 Tharwa, 6-1 Double Quick, 10-1 others.

1993: HIGH HOLME 8-6 M Roberts (9-2) D Thom 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

FRENCH GRIT beat Total Stranger 2¾l in maiden auction at Redcar (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. IN LOVE AGAIN best effort beat Astral Invader 2l in nursery at Newbury (5f, soft). THAT MAN AGAIN beat Branston Kristy 2¾l in 20-runner nursery at Catterick (5f, good to firm). DOUBLE QUICK best effort beat Go Indigo short-head in 6-runner maiden at the Curragh (5f, heavy). TOP PEARL beat Silk Cottage 2½l in 16-runner maiden at Ripon (5f, good) on penultimate start. SUPER SONATA about 7l 5th of 14 to Lynton Lad in maiden at Haydock (5f, good). THARWA beat Nadwaty 1½l in 17-runner nursery at Yarmouth (5f, good).
Selection: THAT MAN AGAIN

4.25 AVENUE APPRENTICE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,565: 1m 1f) (28 runners)

1 (27) 6-0409 BIREQUEST 20 (J Ellis) R Boss 9-7 ... P McCabe 89
2 (5) 0-00095 KISSINTHEBACKROW 11 (F) (C Wright) J Hills 9-6 ... M Henry (5) 91
3 (18) 420350 MANHATTAN SUNSET 17 (C,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-3 ... R Havlin (3) 96
4 (7) 630580 SALSIFIS 30 (G) (P Deal) H Candy 9-1 ... Sarah Holland (7) 96
5 (24) 00-550 ERIN'S LAD 133 (R Hanna) R Dickin 9-0 ... V Halliday (5) 89
6 (22) 410360 A MILLION WATTS 25 (F) (J Constable) Lady Herries 9-0 ... Shona Crombie (3) 93
7 (14) 03000 MY HANDY MAN 13 (Mrs A Dale) W Musson 8-9 ... G Faulkner (5) 94
8 (21) 220213 DOUCE MAISON 45 (BF,G) (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 8-8 ... D Griffiths (3) 96
9 (25) 4-60012 DAKOTA BRAVE 11 (G) (Mrs A Holman-Chappell) J Pearce 8-8 ... S Lanigan (5) 92
10 (6) 000205 PAT'S SPLENDOUR 11 (F) (Mrs P Lunn) D Morris 8-7 ... S Sanders 89
11 (10) 0U60 BENJAMINS LAW 9 (D Lowe) J Pickering 8-7 ... R Waterfield (5) 90
12 (17) 025664 YO KIRI-B 25 (Mrs E Magginess) D Cosgrove 8-6 ... L Newton 97
13 (9) 0600 MISS LAETITIA 30 (T Chadney) N Graham 8-4 ... S Mulvey 90
14 (15) 400036 OFF THE BLOCKS 30 (Mrs S Davis) W Jarvis 8-4 ... S Drowne 94
15 (20) 000045 BROUGHTON SINGER 28 (BF) (B Felton) W Musson 8-3 ... D R McCabe 95
16 (23) 000060 FAIR AND FANCY 20 (R Motion) D Nicholls 8-2 ... J Stack 89
17 (26) 030303 ALL THE JOYS 32 (Mrs G Goodwin) C Cyzer 8-2 ... J D Smith (3) 98
18 (1) 551460 BAYOU 18 (F) (Mrs A Lyons) C Booth 8-2 ... Darren Moffatt 94
19 (28) 003503 LAST QUARRY 7 (R McAlpine) Mrs J Ramsden 8-1 ... D Wright 93
20 (8) 1-04600 PARADISE NEWS 30 (G) (Mrs F Bravery) G Bravery 7-13 ... C Hawksley (3) 82
21 (16) 040010 SHAYNES DOMAIN 7 (G) (Mrs P Garner) R Flower 7-10 ... N Varley 92
22 (11) 344216 SPARKLING ROBERTA 4 (G) (G Summers) M Usher 7-10 ... C Adamson (5) 97
23 (12) 012050 SHUTTLECOCK 17 (G,S) (J Colling) R Phillips 7-8 ... C Teague (5) 91
24 (4) 0000 HEART TO HEART 14 (M Keogh) M Tompkins 7-8 ... D Denby (5) 87
25 (3) 0-0000 JARAAB 69 (S Boss) G Lewis 7-7 ... A Whelan (3) —
26 (19) 000606 TUIGAMALA 11 (T O'Toole) R Ingram 7-7 ... B Russell (3) 87
27 (13) 000 LADY RENTON 32 (D Bickerton) R Lee 7-7 ... A Eddery (5) —
28 (2) 0-00520 CLANCY'S EXPRESS 24 (Mrs J Cleary) G Balding 7-7 ... M Baird (3)

Long handicap: Tuigamala 7-6, Lady Renton 7-6, Clancy's Express 7-5.

BETTING: 7-1 Last Quarry, 8-1 Dakota Brave, 10-1 Douce Maison, Kissinthebackrow, 12-1 Broughton Singer, 14-1 All The Joys, Manhattan Sunset, Pat's Splendour, Yo Kiri-B, 16-1 others.

1993: MASTER BEVELED 7-11 S Sanders (9-1) P Evans 21 ran

FORM FOCUS

KISSINTHEBACKROW about 2¾l 5th of 19 to Bursaan in handicap at Nottingham (1m, good to firm). SALSIFIS best effort about 5l 5th of 17 to Wazema in handicap at Kempton (1m, good to soft). DOUCE MAISON 4¾l 3rd of 20 to Sharp Falcon in handicap at Sandown (1m 2f, good to soft). DAKOTA BRAVE 4l 2nd of 14 to Wonderful Day in handicap at Folkestone (1m 1f 149yd, firm), with PAT'S SPLENDOUR about 4¾l 5th. LAST QUARRY 3¾l 3rd of 22 to Night In Million in apprentices' handicap at Doncaster (7f, good to soft), with SHAYNES DOMAIN about 10l 15th. SPARKLING ROBERTA beat Perylys head in apprentices' maiden handicap at Bath (1m, good), with ALL THE JOYS (1lb better off) head 3rd.
Selection: KISSINTHEBACKROW

Nottingham

Going: good

1.20 (1m 54yd) 1, Stelvio (A McGlone, 6-1); 2, Najmat Alshemaal (12-1); 3, Paper Cloud (9-1). Witchfinder 3-1 fav. 13 ran. 3½l, 1l. H Cecil. Tote: £12.60; £4.40, £5.00, £2.20. DF: £44.90. CSF: £74.87.

1.50 (1m 54yd) 1, Balliol Boy (W Ryan, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Polydamas (7-2); 3, Dacha (11-1). Crespo 5-2 jt-fav. 13 ran. 1½l, nk. H Cecil. Tote: £3.30; £1.30, £1.20, £4.70. DF: £4.30. CSF: £12.10.

2.20 (1m 6f 15yd) 1, Special Risk (J Quinn, 8-1); 2, Tegwen (4-1 fav); 3, White Willow (9-1); 4, Inchcalloch (50-1). 19 ran. NR: Un Parfum De Femme. Nk, 1¾l. R Akehurst. Tote: £14.10; £4.30, £1.90, £3.30, £8.30. DF: £31.30. Trio: £75.90. CSF: £42.45. Tricast: £290.80.

2.50 (1m 54yd) 1, Just Harry (D Biggs, 5-1 fav); 2, Queens Stroller (15-2); 3, Ochos Rios (14-1); 4, Winn's Pride (12-1). 20 ran. 1¾l, 3½l. M Ryan. Tote: £4.00; £2.10, £1.70, £3.30, £1.60. DF: £17.90. Trio: £276.60. CSF: £44.51. Tricast: £485.37.

3.20 (6f 15yd) 1, Bahri (W Carson, 4-6 fav); 2, Royal Rebuke (6-1); 3, Time Leader (6-1). 10 ran. 6l, 2l. J Dunlop. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.20, £2.90. DF: £3.30. CSF: £6.52.

3.50 (6f 15yd) 1, Gallows Corner (W R Swinburn, 14-1); 2, Muchtarak (8-1); 3, Cabcharge Blue (7-1). Hotspur Street 9-4 fav. 13 ran. 1½l, ½l. R Hannon. Tote: £19.10; £4.10, £2.40, £2.60. DF: £36.30. Trio: £120.00. CSF: £125.08. Tricast: £801.53.

4.20 (6f 15yd) 1, Double Blue (Oliver Casey, 4-9 fav); 2, Calemanco (9-2); 3, Champagne Grandy (9-2). 4 ran. 8l, 3l. M Johnston. Tote: £1.40. DF: £2.00. CSF: £2.73.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £3,597.72 carried forward to Newmarket today).
Placepot: £659.00. Quadpot: £35.60.

Sedgefield

Going: good

1.10 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Knights (Jacqui Oliver, 12-1); 2, My Adventure (12-1); 3, Elvett Bridge (14-1); 4, Farmer's Cross (16-1). Integrity Boy 9-4 fav. 21 ran. 8l, 3l. H Oliver. Tote: £10.00; £1.80, £2.60, £14.80, £12.50. DF: £44.40. Trio: £237.40. CSF: £163.91. Tricast: £1,922.52.

1.40 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Solar Nova (N Smith, 50-1); 2, Master Bracken (5-4 fav); 3, Exemplar (16-1). 18 ran. 3½l, 4l. I Park. Tote: £136.00; £18.30, £2.20, £2.60. DF: £234.30. CSF: £116.08.

2.10 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Wake Up (L Wyer, 16-1); 2, Perspicacity (14-1); 3, Imperial Bid (9-1); 4, Shahgram (16-1). Cool Dude 9-2 fav. 20 ran. NR: Emerald Sea. ½l, ½l. M H Easterby. Tote: £18.70; £5.70, £3.20, £2.30, £3.60. DF: £284.80. Trio: not won (£217.55 carried forward to 3.15 at Newmarket today). CSF: £219.68. Tricast: £1,962.19.

2.40 (2m 5f ch) 1, Hurricane Tommy (M Fitzgerald, 16-1); 2, Bonenza (7-2 fav); 3, Bishopdale (20-1). 9 ran. Nk, 15l. D Eddy. Tote: £15.60; £2.20, £1.80, £4.50. DF: £43.60. Trio: £118.20. CSF: £63.05. Tricast: £953.63.

3.10 (3m 3f ch) 1, Eastern Oasis (R Murphy, 9-1); 2, Choctaw (13-2); 3, Boreen Owen (5-2 fav). 11 ran. 7l, 30l. J Andrews. Tote: £17.00; £4.30, £1.90, £1.70. DF: £36.10. Trio: £44.30. CSF: £58.06. Tricast: £152.74. Eden Sunset (14-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies, deduction 5p in pound.

3.40 (2m 5f ch) 1, All's Alibi (P Niven, 5-2); 2, Chichell's Hurst (10-1); 3, Rallying Cry (50-1). Northern Squire 6-4 fav. 15 ran. NR: Chantry Bartle. 7l, 20l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £4.20; £1.90, £1.50, £13.00. DF: £19.20. CSF: £28.95.

4.10 (2m 1f 110yd flat) 1, After Grace (J Supple, 3-1); 2, Tom Brodie (7-4 fav); 3, Mandicat (7-2). 13 ran. NR: Rachael's Dawn. 6l, 3l. N Mason. Tote: £5.90; £2.30, £1.30, £2.60. DF: £7.90. CSF: £11.93.

Placepot: £4,269.30. Quadpot: £74.70.

Stratford

Going: good

1.30 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Cettino (R Farrant, 12-1); 2, Holiday Island (6-1); 3, Prime Of Life (7-4 fav). 17 ran. 2½l, 1l. T Forster. Tote: £18.10; £4.10, £2.90, £1.30. DF: £31.20. CSF: £78.28.

2.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Hobbs (Chris Webb, 33-1); 2, Royal Segos (14-1); 3, Perfect Light (33-1). Sirtelimar 7-4 fav. 15 ran. NR: Duveen. 4l, hd. S Mellor. Tote: £41.90; £7.10, £5.50, £7.70. DF: £917.40. CSF: £391.24.

2.30 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, Smith's Band (W Marston, 16-1); 2, Turning Trix (5-1); 3, Adere Queen (33-1). Arctic Course 3-1 fav (pu). 14 ran. 2½l, 15l. Mrs J Pitman. Tote: £18.90; £3.00, £2.20, £5.40. DF: £46.00. CSF: £92.92.

3.00 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1, Ask The Governor (A P McCoy, 100-30); 2, Lansdowne (12-1); 3, Jamestown Boy (16-1). Fast Thoughts 5-2 fav. 11 ran. Hd, 15l. G Balding. Tote: £4.30; £1.60, £1.80, £4.00. DF: £21.30. Trio: £308.30. CSF: £40.56. Tricast: £524.90.

3.30 (3m 4f ch) 1, Unholy Alliance (N Williamson, 5-1); 2, Ebony Gale (4-1); 3, Mweenish (33-1). Channels Gate 3-1 fav (f). 14 ran. NR: Buddy Holly, Naughty Nicky, Rathvinden House. 12l, 15l. K Bailey. Tote: £5.10; £2.10, £2.00, £10.90. DF: £10.50. Trio: £241.90. CSF: £24.77. Tricast: £583.91.

4.00 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Belstone Fox (A Maguire, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Congregation (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Rodeo Star (7-1). 5 ran. NR: Vazon Bay. 8l, 7l. D Nicholson. Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £1.90. DF: £3.30. CSF: £6.43.

4.30 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Gymcrak Tiger (A Maguire, 10-1); 2, El Grando (5-1); 3, Pulmicort (16-1); 4, Swift Romance (16-1). Turf Run 4-1 fav. 17 ran. 1¾l, 1¾l. G Holmes. Tote: £6.00; £1.60, £2.60, £7.70, £4.10. DF: £12.40. Trio: £361.40. CSF: £55.47. Tricast: £778.69.

Placepot: not won (pool of £14,968.46 carried forward to Newmarket today).
Quadpot: £96.70.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Bangor: 1.20 Pacific Gem. 3.25 Paddy In Paris. Newmarket: 3.15 Bells, Lady Tjonger, Lamion.

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THUNDERER
1.10 Blue Laws. 1.40 Young Snugfit. 2.10 Call Equiname. 2.40 Arthur's Minstrel. 3.10 Reluctant Suitor. 3.40 Master Boston.

GOING: GOOD SIS

1.10 HORNSHAW NOVICES HURDLE (£2,700: 2m 4f 110yd) (21 runners)

1 APPLAUDER J Jefferson 5-10-12 ... T Reed —
2 00- BIG ARTHUR 314 D Nicholson 5-10-12 ... A Maguire —
3 BIT OF A BLETHER G Richards 5-10-12 ... M Moloney —
4 /0/ CENTURY PORT 710 D McCune 5-10-12 ... P Niven —
5 CRIME PASSIONNEL 1911F N Tinkler 5-10-12 E Husband (5) —
6 0/P- CRYSTAL MINSTREL 279 M W Easterby 5-10-12 J Driscoll (7) —
7 65-2 GLEN DALUS 30 (BF) J Johnson 5-10-12 ... D Bridgwater 81
8 PF0- HEDDON HAUGH 171 P Cheesbrough 5-10-12 ... K Johnson —
9 5- MIGHTY PROFILE 235 M H Easterby 5-10-12 ... L Wyer —
10 /43- SHOOFE 383 K Morgan 5-10-12 ... A S Smith 97
11 0 STEADY AWAY 18 M Barnes 5-10-12 ... Miss Sue Nichol (7) —
12 /13- THE GREY MONK 289 (G) G Richards 5-10-12 ... A Dobbin 93
13 TITAN THAI N Mason 5-10-12 ... J Supple (5) —
14 263- VALERIOS KING 198 S Christian 5-10-12 ... G McCourt —
15 6- VILLAINS BRIEF 282 M Meagher 5-10-12 ... J Osborne —
16 2- BLUE LAWS 7F Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-10-11 ... M Dwyer
17 B- CESAR DU MANOIR 206 Mrs S Bramall 4-10-11. J Burke (5) 85
18 P-62 MALAWI 20 W Bethell 4-10-11 ... B Storey 91
19 4-5 TIGERSONG 27 K Bailey 4-10-11 ... N Williamson 91
20 0/3 MANCHANT 28 Mrs M Reveley 6-10-7 ... N Smith —
21 33/ STRATHMORE LODGE 543 J Jefferson 5-10-7 ... N Doughty —

5-2 Blue Laws, 6-1 The Grey Monk, Glen Dalus, 8-1 Manchant, Shoofe, 10-1 Big Arthur, Malawi, 12-1 Valerios King, 14-1 others.

1.40 HARRY WHARTON MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£4,224: 2m) (6)

1 /11- KING OF THE LOT 350 (CD,F,G,S) D Nicholson 11-12-0 ... A Maguire 98
2 45-4 YOUNG SNUGFIT 13 (D,F,G,S) O Sherwood 10-11-9 J Osborne 98
3 142- SNITTON LANE 184 (D,F,G,S) W Clay 8-10-11.. D Bridgwater 96
4 21-F JUST FRANKIE 34 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 10-10-0 P Niven 91
5 5P-1 BORO SMACKEROO 17 (D,F,G,S) J Johnson 9-10-0 ... N Williamson 88
6 1321 BEAUCADEAU 16 (C,F,G) M Barnes 8-10-0 ... A Dobbin 91

7-4 King Of The Lot, 4-1 Young Snugfit, Snitton Lane, Boro Smackeroo, 7-1 others.

2.10 WHIXLEY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,805: 2m) (19)

1 00- ASK FOR BARNEY 198 B Rothwell 5-11-0 ... B Storey —
2 14- CALLISOE BAY 244 (G) O Sherwood 5-11-0 ... J Osborne —
3 P34- CRAIGSTOWN 170 (S) W Cunningham 6-11-0 ... N Smith —
4 0/5- DAPHNIS 434 (S) W Kemp 5-11-0 ... T Reed —
5 DEEP FAIR Mrs S Smith 7-11-0 ... Richard Guest —
6 P46- GRIFFINS BAR 277 Mrs P Sly 6-11-0 ... R Marley 83
7 012- LOCHNAGRAIN 209 (S) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-0 ... P Niven
8 8 ONEOFUS 21 M H Easterby 5-11-0 ... L Wyer —
9 005- SHERWOOD GRANGE 158 D Brennan 6-11-0 ... M Brennan —
10 0/ TOPSAWYER 939 (F) Miss S Hall 6-11-0 ... D Wilkinson —
11 121- CALL EQUINAME 185 (G) P Nicholls 4-10-13 ... C Maude —
12 CHIPPED OUT G Richards 4-10-13 ... A Dobbin —
13 CLIMBIE T Tate 4-10-13 ... R Garritty —
14 544- MOREOF A GUNNER 195 J Jefferson 4-10-13 ... M Dwyer —
15 NASAYER N Mason 4-10-13 ... J Supple (5) —
16 56 PALACE RIVER 21 D Moffatt 6-10-9 ... D J Moffatt (3) —
17 12- CERTAINLY STRONG 181 (S) D Nicholson 4-10-8 A Maguire —
18 40- LITTLE SERENA 198 J Walmsley 4-10-8 ... S Turner —
19 350- OWES THE TILL 188 R Wood 4-10-8 ... Mr S Brisby —

5-2 Call Equiname, 3-1 Lochnagrain, 4-1 Callisoe Bay, 5-1 Certainly Strong, 10-1 Chipped Out, 14-1 Moreof A Gunner, 16-1 others.

2.40 GO RACING IN YORKSHIRE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,224: 3m 110yd) (7)

1 14-3 ARMAGRET 16 (CD,BF,F,G,S) B Wilkinson 9-12-0 . A Dobbin
2 82U- ARTHUR'S MINSTREL 184 (D,F,G,S) D Nicholson 7-11-5 ... A Maguire 91
3 00-5 WHAAT FETTLE 20 (CD,G,S) G Richards 9-11-2. M Moloney 95
4 11/ YOUNG TY 822 (F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 10-11-0 ... P Niven —
5 111- SILVER STICK 185 (CD,F,G,S) M W Easterby 7-10-9 R Garritty 91
6 2/U- URANUS COLLONGES 276 (S) J Fitzgerald 8-10-9. M Dwyer —
7 PP3- VELEDA II 189 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Bramall 7-10-6 .. J Burke (5) 89

5-2 Arthur's Minstrel, 3-1 Armagret, 9-2 Silver Stick, 6-1 Young Ty, 8-1 others.

3.10 WETHERBY NOVICES CHASE (£3,834: 2m) (9)

1 541- ASK TOM 266 (S) T Tate 5-11-0 ... R Garritty —
2 /P3- CHEEKA 436 C Smith 5-11-0 ... M Ranger —
3 /6P- HURDY 206 (F,G) Mrs S Bramall 7-11-0 ... J Burke (5) —
4 624- NIGHT WIND 305 (G,S) S Sherwood 7-11-0 ... J Osborne —
5 100- RELUCTANT SUITOR 191 (F,G) M Hammond 5-11-0 ... D Bentley (3) —
6 40-F RHOSSILI BAY 16 Mrs M Reveley 6-11-0 ... P Niven —
7 34P- SEAGULL HOLLOW 20F (G,S) M H Easterby 5-11-0 .. L Wyer —
8 -2F5 TIGHTER BUDGET 21 (F,S) Mrs E Slack 7-11-0 .. M Moloney 85
9 2P6- WANDERWEB 241 (S) D Nicholson 6-11-0 ... A Maguire

3-1 Reluctant Suitor, 7-2 Rhossili Bay, 4-1 Night Wind, 6-1 Hurdy, 7-1 others.

3.40 GREEN HAMMERTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,134: 2m 4f 110yd) (14)

1 105- PEANUTS PET 204 (CD,F,G,S) T Tate 9-12-0 ... R Garritty 97
2 111- BOLLIN MAGDALENE 289 (CD,G,S) M H Easterby 6-11-13 ... L Wyer 96
3 12-2 LOCH SCAVAIG 36 (D,F,G,S) D Moffatt 5-11-10 D J Moffatt (3) 90
4 245- BURNT IMP 204 (C,F,G,S) G Moore 4-11-7 ... J Callaghan 91
5 3-32 COUTURE STOCKINGS 20 (CD,BF,F,G,S) J Mackie 10-11-7 ... N Williamson 93
6 1-13 CRANK SHAFT 20 (CD,F,G) J Quinn 7-11-6 .. G Tormey (7) 90
7 130- CHIEF RAIDER 185 (CD,G,S) J Wade 6-11-6 ... A Maguire 95
8 2F5- ABBOT OF FURNESS 187 (CD,S) G Richards 10-11-5 A Dobbin 97
9 28-P NATIVE WORTH 41 (C,S) J Jefferson 4-10-13 ... F Perratt (5) 97
10 16-0 NORTHUMBRIAN KING 20 (C,D,F,G) Mrs K Walton 8-10-13 ... D Bentley (3) 93
11 0-44 NODFORM WONDER 17 (CD,F,G,S) J Hellens 7-10-6 ... A Larnach (3) 93
12 U50- MASTER BOSTON 185 (D,G,S) R Woodhouse 6-10-5 M Dwyer
13 1F5- ARTIC WINGS 146 (G,S) D Brennan 6-10-1 ... M Brennan 92
14 5333 FLASS VALE 13 (V,D,F) C Fairhurst 6-10-0 ... C Hawkins 89

9-2 Loch Scavaig, 6-1 Bollin Magdalene, 7-1 Couture Stockings, 8-1 Burnt Imp, Artic Wings, Crank Shaft, 10-1 Abbot Of Furness, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Nicholson, 9 winners from 24 runners, 37.5%; Mrs M Reveley, 36 from 123, 29.3%; M H Easterby, 23 from 119, 19.3%; G Richards, 20 from 104, 19.2%; J Johnson, 12 from 67, 17.9%.

JOCKEYS: A Maguire, 12 winners from 45 rides, 26.7%; L Wyer, 29 from 120, 24.2%; D J Moffatt, 4 from 17, 23.5%; P Niven, 36 from 156, 23.1%; N Doughty, 15 from 72, 20.8%.

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THUNDERER
1.20 Eastern Magic. 1.50 Couldnt Be Better. 2.20 Padre Mio. 2.55 Nirvana Prince. 3.25 Mr Clancy. 4.00 Anzum. 4.30 Sophism.

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1.20 ROBERTSON & JONES CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (£2,040: 2m 1f) (15 runners)

1 6100 GLOSSY 23 (F,G) Mrs M McCourt 7-12-5 ... J McCarthy
2 30-1 EMERALD VENTURE 28 (F,G) T Caldwell 7-11-12 R Edwards (5)
3 3860 CASTLERICHARDKING 7 (D,G) K Bridgwater 9-11-5 ... D Leahy
4 000- CHAGHATAI 151 (V,G) W Clay 6-11-5 ... S Wynne
5 420- EASTERN MAGIC 216 (G) G Barnett 6-11-5 ... L Arnold (7)
6 1/P MUDDY LANE 34 (D,G) P Nicholls 6-11-5 ... Guy Lewis
7 -446 BALTIC EXCHANGE 9 (B) M Pipe 5-10-12 ... T Dascombe (3)
8 4-6 BROUGHPARK AZALEA 20 J J O'Neill 5-10-12 ... A Roche
9 /PP- GLEN MOSELLE 413 B Cambidge 6-10-12 ... D Meredith
10 F/0 KINGSTHORPE 29 G Yardley 6-10-12 ... N Collum (5)
11 P/P PACIFIC GEM 34 (B,F) G Ham 7-10-12 ... R Farrant
12 35F- THANKSFORTHEOFFER 196 (V) I Jones 6-10-12 ... R Davis
13 /0-F MIDNIGHT JESTOR 22 G Jones 6-10-7 ... Pat Thompson (3)
14 0 PETAL'S JARRED 27 Mrs J Ramsden 4-10-7 ... D Thomas (5)
15 006- ZAAHEYAH 23F M Hammond 4-10-7 ... S Lyons

7-2 Zaaheyah, 4-1 Emerald Venture, 5-1 Baltic Exchange, 6-1 Broughpark Azalea, 10-1 Petal's Jarred, Castlerichardking, 12-1 Eastern Magic, 14-1 others.

1.50 CORBETT BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP CHASE (£4,554: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 FPF- GNOME'S TYCOON 185 (D,F,G,S) R Phillips 8-12-0 .. J Railton
2 10-1 COULDNT BE BETTER 13 (G,S) C Brooks 7-11-1 .. G Bradley
3 61-3 THE DEMON BARBER 20 (C,D,F,S) W Jenks 12-10-13 ... T Jenks (3)
4 45-2 MUTUAL TRUST 21 (CD,F,G,S) G Richards 10-10-8 R Dunwoody
5 313- BUCKS SURPRISE 177 (CD,G) J Mackie 6-10-0 ... R Supple
6 22P- NICKLUP 223 (S) T Forster 7-10-0 ... C Llewellyn
7 P6-6 GOLDEN FARE 22 (F) R Lee 9-10-0 ... R Greene

6-4 Couldnt Be Better, 3-1 Gnome's Tycoon, 4-1 The Demon Barber, 7-1 others.

2.20 JONES PECKOVER NOVICES CHASE (£3,664: 2m 1f 110yd) (8)

1 -11U MERLINS WISH 29 (CD,BF,F) M Pipe 5-12-0 ... R Dunwoody
2 4/0 BACKGROUND MUSIC 11 Mrs A Price 9-11-0 .. Mr M Jackson
3 11P- GALES CAVALIER 227 (S) D Gandolfo 6-11-0 ... R Farrant
4 35P- HIGHLAND POACHER 151 (S) D McCain 7-11-0 D McCain (5)
5 53P- KNOCK RANK 332 E Owen jun 9-11-0 ... A Thornton
6 60-0 MOZEMO 6 (G) A Bailey 7-11-0 ... S Smith Eccles
7 105- PADRE MIO 207 (G,S) C Brooks 6-11-0 ... G Bradley
8 60-2 STOP THE WALLER 49 M Barnes 5-11-0 ... G Cahill (7)

6-4 Padre Mio, 9-4 Merlins Wish, 3-1 Gales Cavalier, 12-1 others.

2.55 STANLEY LEISURE INTERMEDIATE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,241: 2m 1f) (4)

1 21-3 NIRVANA PRINCE 13 (F,S) B Preece 5-12-0 ... T Wall
2 1P-0 GROUND NUT 27 (S) Miss H Knight 4-11-10 ... R Dunwoody
3 P-64 DIWALI DANCER 14 (B,S) A Bailey 4-10-1 ... T Kent
4 6-64 TEST MATCH 23 (C,BF,G,S) W Clay 7-10-0 ... Diane Clay

4-6 Nirvana Prince, 7-2 Ground Nut, 4-1 Diwali Dancer, 8-1 Test Match.

3.25 TARPORLEY HUNT NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£3,648: 3m 110yd) (10)

1 32P- MARTELL BOY 204 (S) P Nicholls 7-11-13 ... R Dunwoody
2 -1VP THE LIGHTER SIDE 11 (B,F,G,S) C Cowley 8-11-11 ... Judy Davies (7)
3 23/4- CHARTERFORHARDWARE 177 W Clay 8-11-9. M A Fitzgerald
4 33-V SQUIRES PRIVILEGE 18 J J O'Neill 6-11-8 ... A Roche (5)
5 32F- JUPITER MOON 241 (G) Mrs A Swinbank 5-11-8 ... J Railton
6 36-1 MR CLANCY 23 (G) K Bailey 6-11-8 ... A Thornton
7 00-2 PANT LLIN 11 (F) F Jordan 8-10-11 ... J Lodder
8 32-0 SEARCY 16 (B,F,G) S Christian 6-10-6 ... D Gallagher
9 6/0 PADDY IN PARIS 22 (B) J Needham 11-10-1 .. Mr P Henly (7)
10 -P0P URQUHART 10 (F) D Williams 8-10-0 ... Mr G Hogan (5)

5-2 Mr Clancy, 7-2 Martell Boy, 5-1 Squires Privilege, 7-1 The Lighter Side, 8-1 Pant Llin, Jupiter Moon, 10-1 Charterforhardware, 20-1 others.

4.00 HALLIWELL LANDAU JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,836: 2m 1f) (11)

1 1 HEATHYARDS CRUSADE 20 (CD,S) R Hollinshead 11-4 ... S Wynne (3)
2 221 RIVA'S BOOK 27 (F) S Coathup 11-4 ... R Dunwoody
3 ANZUM 144F D Nicholson 10-12 ... W Marston
4 4 BILL AND WIN 22 K White 10-12 ... T Wall
5 RINUS MASTER 440F D McCain 10-12 ... D McCain (5)
6 00 SYMBOL OF SUCCESS 7 D Williams 10-12 ... M A Fitzgerald
7 YES TO THE BEST 121F Mrs A Swinbank 10-12 ... J Railton
8 ENNISTYMON D Nicholson 10-7 ... M Keighley (7)
9 F2 ESKIMO NEL 20 J Spearing 10-7 ... J R Kavanagh
10 MOST BEAUTIFUL 24F K Bridgwater 10-7 ... W Humphreys
11 TRECENTO J Mackie 10-7 ... T Eley (3)

5-2 Riva's Book, 3-1 Heathyards Crusade, 7-2 Anzum, 8-1 others.

4.30 WILLIAM HILL GOLDEN OLDIES STAKES (£2,040: 1m 4f) (18)

1 01-2 BALLET ROYAL 27 (B,S) H Manners 5-12-7 ... Bob Davies
2 /0/- CHOICE LOT 25F C Nash 7-12-4 ... Michael Caulfield
3 3-00 MY SWAN SONG 30 (D,F,G) J Smith 9-12-4 ... Peter Smith
4 P23P TIGER CLAW 31 (B,D,F,G) A Barrow 8-12-4 ... Mike Gallemore
5 BARRYBEN 33F W Brisbourne 5-12-0 ... Brian Gibson
6 10-P BATTY'S ISLAND 20 (G,S) B Preece 5-12-0 ... Nigel Tinkler
7 P-02 COME ON CHARLIE 14 S Coathup 5-12-0 ... Steve Coathup
8 DARK DIAMOND H Kavanagh 4-12-0 ... Henry Kavanagh
9 1 GYMCRAK DIAMOND 30 (G) G Holmes 4-12-0 Gordon Holmes
10 P403 MO ICHI DO 34 (F,G,S) Miss S Wilton 8-12-0 Miss Sue Wilton
11 63/ MIYAKA 546 (G) Capt J Wilson 7-12-0 ... Chris Broad
12 232- NORMAN'S CONVINCED 223 M Pipe 4-12-0 ... Ron Barry
13 22/ PETOSKU 682 (G,S) N Twiston-Davies 6-12-0 Peter Scudamore
14 00P- RIVAGE BLEU 228 J King 7-12-0 ... Jeff King
15 1515 SOPHISM 13 (BF,F,G,S) M Pipe 5-12-0 ... Phil Tuck
16 050- SUPER SHARP 161 (G) H Oliver 6-12-0 .. Tony Biddlecombe
17 TREMENDISTO 11F Capt J Wilson 4-12-0 ... Colin Brown
18 000- FIRST CRACK 314 (F,G,S) F Jordan 9-11-9 ... Arnold Garvey

3-1 Gymcrak Diamond, 7-2 Sophism, 5-1 Ballet Royal, 7-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Hammond, 6 winners from 16 runners, 37.5%; K Bailey, 7 from 21, 33.3%; D Nicholson, 6 from 18, 33.3%; M Pipe, 20 from 61, 32.8%; C Brooks, 5 from 16, 31.3%.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 19 winners from 63 rides, 30.2%; C Llewellyn, 8 from 39, 20.5%; R Davis, 3 from 18, 16.7%; S Wynne, 5 from 38, 13.2%; R Farrant, 3 from 23, 13.0%.

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Australians give no quarter to dazzled England

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN PERTH

THERE is not very much a captain can do about a footling beer match like this quartered nonsense, except order better ale. As a means of preparing for the cricket that lies ahead, the result carries as much significance as a by-election upset midway through a government's term of office. These things happen.

Western Australia won by 51 runs and nobody cared a hoot. Michael Atherton was diplomatic afterwards when he was asked about the "concept" of quarters cricket, offering only: "It's too early to say."

An altogether more serious game starts tomorrow when the teams meet over four days in the opening first-class fixture of the tour. Graham Gooch returns to open the batting, in Alec Stewart's absence with a broken finger, with Mike Gatting and John Crawley both playing. Martin McCague and Joey Benjamin are also included and Darren Gough and Phil Tufnell await their chance in Adelaide.

Over 50 overs, a score of 248 for five is good, if commonplace. Teams have been known to fall 50 runs short by losing key wickets early on, as England did here. What's new? A crowd of 9,000, indifferent to the point of somnolence, drifted away at the end as though the contest had been a bit of a swizz.

There is always a different view. Daryl Foster, the highly successful coach of Western Australia, is entitled to be heard and he thinks a game of quarters "has as much application in England as here". He is absolutely right. It would be appalling wherever it is played.

When the England management team is consulted for its views on this misplaced experiment, the answer should be short and frank. With the Test and County Cricket Board, though, one never knows. South Africa pressed for seven one-day internationals when England go there next winter. England preferred to play five. How many will they play? Seven. Sometimes you have to put your foot down.

The best performers at the WACA wore yellow shirts. Mark Lavender, who opened the batting at 1.45pm, had made 83 when he was out at 7.10pm, surely the longest innings ever played in a limited-overs match completed in a day. Damien Martyn, the newly-appointed captain, contributed a bright half-century, two wickets and a superb catch.

England's best men were Devon Malcolm, who took two wickets, and Craig White, who got through his overs despite a sprained ankle and batted as well as anyone. The only man to strike the ball with much fluency was Graeme Hick, whose departure in the thirteenth over was the second of four losses in a poor first quarter.

The Warriors, as they now like to be known, finished their first quarter on 90 for one after being put in. Tom Moody was the casualty, very well caught by DeFreitas at third man when he slashed at Malcolm. As Atherton said later, wickets in hand always keep you handily placed for the final push, but you don't need a division of batting time into two mini-innings to tell you that.

Quite the happiest moment of the day was when Tufnell, taking off to his left at mid-on, intercepted Martyn's rasping drive with two hands. Later, he was to swoop on the ball by the long-leg boundary and hit Rhodes's gloves with a flat throw over the stumps. The Australians who mocked him four years ago will not recognise this transformed man.

Malcolm, confounded by the floodlights, was responsible for the howler of the day. When Lavender was 64, he swept Hick high towards fine leg. All Malcolm had to do was line the ball up. Instead, it fell two yards in front of him. He simply did not see it.

Tufnell, off his own bowling, and Gatting, at slip, also missed catches, although England's overall display in the field was good. Atherton made it three excellent catches when he caught Lavender at mid-on.

After Crawley had gone early, bowled off an inside edge, Hick batted freely until, cutting Julian, he was neatly held by Veletta in the gully. Thereafter, only Thorpe and White ever looked "in". The loss of Atherton, caught and bowled by Moody in the penultimate over of the first quarter, did not help.

England should be thoroughly glad now that the overture has ended. They have won one warm-up game, lost another and neither result means anything. It is time to clear the stage. Curtain up.

SCOREBOARD

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

M Lavender c Atherton b Malcolm 83
T M Moody c DeFreitas b Malcolm 5
D R Martyn c Tufnell b White 51
G B Hogg c Rhodes b Gough 34
M R J Veletta not out 35
R Kelly c Gatting b White 8
A Gilchrist not out 17
Extras (lb 10, w 1, nb 4) 15
Total (5 wkts) 248

(90-1 after 25 overs)

B T Julian, J Stewart, C Coulson and B A Reid did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-98, 3-181, 4-192, 5-217

BOWLING: DeFreitas 10-1-48-0; Malcolm 10-1-37-2; White 10-1-55-2; Gough 10-0-47-1, Tufnell 6-0-32-0, Hick 4-0-19-0

ENGLAND

M A Atherton c and b Moody 28
J P Crawley b Coulson 1
G A Hick c Veletta b Julian 27
M W Gatting c Hogg b Moody 7
G P Thorpe c Moody b Martyn 35
C White c Gilchrist b Martyn 35
S J Rhodes c Martyn b Stewart 14
P A J DeFreitas not out 21
D Gough run out 7
D Malcolm b Coulson 4
P C R Tufnell b Coulson 4
Extras (lb 12, nb 2) 14
Total (45.5 overs) 197

(83-4 after 25 overs)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-43, 3-62, 4-79, 5-124, 6-150, 7-150, 8-176, 9-193.

BOWLING: Reid 6-1-16-0; Coulson 6.5-2-31-3; Julian 8-2-22-1; Moody 10-1-28-2; Martyn 7-0-41-2; Stewart 10-0-47-1.

UMPIRES: B Renne and R Emerson

GRAHAM MORRIS



DeFreitas shouts in vain for a leg-before decision against Lavender at the WACA

A mystery in rhyme

Friday Feature: Caspar Hauser. *Radio 3, 10.45pm.*

David Constantine's narrative poem, as abridged by Elizabeth Burke, has left me hungering after the full text, just published by Bloodaxe Books. Will it, I wonder, throw any more light than tonight's dramatisation does on why the teenage boy was kept in a dark cellar for 14 years, on who he is, and on why he was eventually set free? Or will it take his mysterious captivity as read and concentrate, as this shortened version does, on the dark passions of Hauser's later life, his sexual aridity, his corruption by fame, and his murder? Jack Klaff is tonight's narrator, and David Owen Norris taps Schubert's *Winterreise* for the aptly melancholic musical bridges that he constructs.

Classic Serial: Resurrection. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

The drama serial that N.J. Warburton has crafted from Tolstoy's novel about a spectacular case of pricked conscience, falls back on a device that can solve all sorts of problems for the intelligent adapter. It uses the author as storyteller. Tolstoy himself did this when writing his novel, so Warburton had an authoritative pattern to follow. The authorial voice is Richard Johnson's. The veteran actor cannot complain of being under-employed. If anything, the reverse is true, but that could change in the next two episodes. Hugh Grant plays the prince and Maggie O'Neill the servant girl he unwittingly launches on the road to shame.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo: 4.00am Bruno Brookes with this Early Breakfast Show 6.30 Steve Wright 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Emma Freud, including at 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Goodier Roadshow 4.00 Claire Sturgess with Drivetime, incl at 5.30 Newsbeat 7.00 Pete Tong's Essential Selection 10.00 John Peel with music from Belfast band Tonic, and Zany Glaya from Japan 1.00am Mark Tonderai plays the latest ragga, reggae and hip-hop releases

RADIO 2

FM Stereo: 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn in Japan 7.00 It's Your Radio 2 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night 8.45 Variety Lives: The first of six programmes on Britain's longest-serving music hall acts looks at tap-dancing identical twins, Frank and Freddie Cox 9.00 Listen to the Band: Roy Newsome presents the Regimental Band of the Coldstream Guards, and the Empire Brass Quintet 10.00 Austin Mitchell with the Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05am Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes 1.00 Adrian Finighan with Night Ride

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, incl at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine, including at 8.40 Video Review; 10.35 Euronews; 11.15 Chain Reaction 12.00 Midday with Mish, incl at 12.34pm Moneycheck 2.05 Rumble on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, incl at 7.20 sport 7.35 Parkinson on Sport 9.05 Now the Good News 10.05 Stop Press 10.35 Financial Week 11.00 Night Extra, including at 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours 2.00 Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 4.30am BBC English 4.45 Fruhmagazin 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Morgenmagazin 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Shelf. 7.30 Heritage 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 Music Review 9.00 News 9.05 Business Report 9.15 Global Concerns 9.30 On the Move 9.45 Sport 10.00 News 10.01 Focus on Faith 10.30 The Motown Legacy 10.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 News 12.10pm Words of Faith 12.15 Heritage 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Off the Shelf 2.45 Global Concerns 3.00 News 3.15 Music Review 4.00 News 4.10 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News 5.05 Business Report 5.15 BBC English 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 Kaleidoskop 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 The World Today 8.30 Europe Today 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 Business Report 10.15 People and Politics 10.45 Sport 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Multitrack: Alternative 12.00 News 12.10am British News 12.15 Sharp Talents 12.30 From the Weeklies 12.45 The Learning World 1.00 News 1.05 Outlook 1.30 Worldbrief 1.45 Jazz Now and Then 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 People and Politics 3.00 News 3.15 Sport 3.30 The Vintage Chart Show 4.00 Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Angela Rippon 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 Classic Verdict 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN

6.00am Ross 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 N.J. Williams 2.00-6.00am Paul Coyte

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor: Sor, Handel, Ravel, Chabrier, Loewe and Vivaldi 9.00 Composer of the Week: Weber 10.00 Musical Encounters, with Mairi Nicolson. Suppé (Overture: The Beautiful Galathea); Grieg (Peer Gynt, excerpt); Schmelzer (Lamento sopra la morte Ferdinandi II; Sonata No 11); Bennett (La Mort d'Ophélie); Elgar (Falstaff, Op 68) 12.00 Voices: Peter Warlock (r) 1.00pm Mendelssohn Plus: The first in a series of lunchtime concerts from St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol, featuring the music of Felix Mendelssohn, Vanessa Latarche, piano 2.00 French National Orchestra under Charles Dutoit, with Jean-Philippe Collard, piano 3.25 The Cambridge Medieval Music Festival: Ensemble Organum from Paris, directed by Marcel Pérès, performs music from the Graduel of Eleanor of Brittany; circa 1300 4.30 The Mime of the Devil's Gelding: Traditional music from Finland (r) 5.00 The Music Machine 5.15 In Tune: including 7.03 Gounod (Vincenette à votre âge, Mireille) 7.30 City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Frans Brüggen, with Jonathan Holland, trumpet, Lyn Fletcher, violin 9.05 The Road to Volokolamsk: The Founding is the last of five plays by Heiner Müller 9.25 Deutsche Romantik: Idlon Ensemble: Detlev Glanert (Picture); Michael Finnissy (Traum des Sängers) 10.45 Deutsche Romantik: Friday Feature — Caspar Hauser, See Choice 11.30-12.30am Midnight Oil: Gerald Barry's Chevaux-de-frise

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.20 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs: Lynda La Plante (r) 9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley 10.00 News; Scotland Up the Pitches (FM only) 10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only) 10.15 Children's Radio 4: The Spying Game (LW only), by Pat Moon (final part) 10.30 Woman's Hour: Wendy Austin and guests reflect on the experience of women over the past 25 years during the conflict in Northern Ireland 11.30 The Natural History Programme 12.00 News; You and Yours 12.25pm The Food Programme 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 2.00 News; Classic Serial: Resurrection. See Choice (r) 3.00 News; Anderson Country 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope 4.45 Short Story: Disused Door, by Julio Cortazar. Read by Michael Elder (r) 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Going Places: Black Park in Buckinghamshire 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Pick of the Week 8.05 Any Questions? Frank Dobson, MP, Shadow Transport Secretary, and the writer Beatrix Campbell are on the panel tackling questions raised in Durham 8.50 Law in Action 9.15 Letter from America 9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: Paul Allen talks to Jude Kelly, artistic director of the West Yorkshire Playhouse in Leeds (r) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Los Angeles Without a Map 11.00 Week Ending 11.25 Tea Junction 11.45 Today in Parliament 12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

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Lara earns one-match ban for act of dissent

BRIAN Lara, the West Indies batsman, became only the second player to be suspended under the International Cricket Council's (ICC) code of conduct when he challenged an umpiring decision during the match against New Zealand in the triangular limited-overs tournament in India on Wednesday.

Lara, who was the leading scorer with 32 in his side's meagre total of 123, was given out stumped by K Murali, who was standing at square leg. Lara responded by staying at the wicket and signalling to the official to seek the advice of the third umpire. Murali declined to do so. Jagmohan Dalmiya, the secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, said that before then leaving for the pavilion, Lara told Murali that he would lodge a protest if a replay showed he had been given out incorrectly.

Lara, who was suspended from West Indies' next match in the competition, against India in Kanpur on Sunday, was also fined 50 per cent of his match fee by Raman Subba Row, the match referee. The match was abandoned after a thunderstorm nine overs into New Zealand's reply.

The first player to be suspended under the code was Aqib Javed, of Pakistan, who missed a one-day international against New Zealand two years ago.

Tillekeratne reaches goal

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

HASHAN Tillekeratne's first Test century was the highlight of a tedious second day's play in Harare yesterday where Sri Lanka crawled to a first innings total of 402 in the third and final Test against Zimbabwe.

To round off his memorable day, Tillekeratne snapped up a catch behind the wicket from the final ball of the last session, bowled by Pushpakumara, to dismiss Grant Flower and leave Zimbabwe ten for one in reply.

Tillekeratne, who three times previously in Test cricket had been dismissed in the nineties, took 7½ hours to compile 116, hitting 14 boundaries from the 287 balls he faced.

After resuming at 248 for four, Sri Lanka were expected to search for quick runs but only 69 came in the morning session, during which they lost two more wickets. The captain, Arjuna Ranatunga, and Sanath Jayasuriya both fell to the fast bowler, Heath Streak, and their dismissals appeared to leave the rest of the batsmen short of confidence.

Tillekeratne shared stands of 49 with Ruwan Kalpage and 37 with Kumar Dharmasena, but aggressive strokes were rare before Tillekeratne eventually fell to a brilliant, one-handed catch by Mark Dekker, who was fielding at forward short-leg to the leg spinner, Paul Strang, who had figures of three for 65 on his Test debut. Streak was the most successful bowler with four for 97.

Afterwards, Tillekeratne spoke of his relief at reaching that elusive century: "I have been waiting for quite some time but I'm very happy now," he said. The first two Tests in the series were drawn.

SRI LANKA: First innings

R S Mahanama c Dekker b Streak 24
A P Gurusinha c A Flower b Brain 54
S Ranatunga c Whittall b Strang 43
P A de Silva c Dekker b Streak 25
*A Ranatunga c Dekker b Streak 30
†H Tillekeratne c Dekker b Strang 116
S Jayasuriya c James b Streak 10
R Kalpage c James b Brain 14
H D P K Dharmasena c A Flower b Strang 21
U C J Vaas not out 16
R Pushpakumara c A Flower b Jarvis 8
Extras (b 7, lb 7, nb 7, w 3) 32
Total 402

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-84, 2-100, 3-149, 4-192, 5-267, 6-280, 7-329, 8-386, 9-390.

BOWLING: Brain 34-4-90-2; Streak 39-8-97-4; Jarvis 37-13-58-1; Whittall 28-5-74-0, Strang 25-6-83-3.

ZIMBABWE: First innings

G W Flower c Tillekeratne b Pushpakumara 5
M H Dekker not out 5
Extras 0
Total (1 wkt) 10

A D R Campbell, D L Houghton, *A Flower, †W R James, G J Whittall, H H Streak, P Strang, D Brain and M Jarvis to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-10.

BOWLING: Vaas 6-3-4-0; Pushpakumara 5-2-4-1; Dharmasena 2-0-2-0.

One-day climax to South Africa tour

ENGLAND will make final preparations for the 1996 World Cup by playing seven one-day internationals in the space of 13 days to round off next winter's tour of South Africa their first in 30 years (Simon Wilde writes). They also plan to change the personnel of their touring party for these games, which follow a five-match Test series.

Perhaps because of World Cup demands, the Test and County Cricket Board has agreed to South Africa's request for seven limited-overs matches originally it had campaigned for only five. Four of the seven will be day-night fixtures. The tour ends on January 21, less than a month before the World Cup opens in India and Pakistan.

England have secured three four-day matches before the first Test on November 16.

Roger Twose, the Warwickshire batsman who has declared his interest in playing Test cricket for New Zealand, is close to realising his ambition. Last Sunday he was chosen to play in a limited-overs trial match between North Island and South Island at New Plymouth.

Ross Dykes, the convenor of the selectors, said: "Roger's thrown in his lot with New Zealand he might as well be included for this match. He looks a prospective international in Tests and one-dayers."

Twose completes his residential qualification in April.

ENGLAND ITINERARY: Oct 24: v Nicky Oppenheimer XI (Randjesfontein) 25: v Eastern Transvaal (day/night, Springs). 27-30: v South Africa Invitation XI (Soweto). Nov 2-5: v Border (East London). 9-12: v South Africa A (Kimberley). 16-20: first Test match (Pretoria). 23-26: v Orange Free State (Bloemfontein). Nov 30-Dec 4: second Test match (Johannesburg). 7-10: v Boland (Paarl) 14-18: third Test match (Durban). 20-22: v Combined SA Universities (Chatsworth, Durban) 26-30: fourth Test match (Port Elizabeth) Jan 2-6: fifth Test match (Cape Town). One-day Internationals: 9: day/night, Cape Town. 11: day/night, Bloemfontein. 13: Johannesburg. 14: Pretoria. 17: day/night, Durban. 19: day/night, East London. 21: Port Elizabeth.

Wharton strikes no fear into Eubank

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

THE left hook with which Henry Wharton knocked out Sipho Moyo, of Zimbabwe, in 38 seconds at Leeds on Wednesday did not impress Chris Eubank. The World Boxing Organisation (WBO) super-middleweight champion defends his title against Wharton in six weeks at Manchester.

Eubank, who travelled from Brighton by train to Leeds to publicise their forthcoming bout, but was prevented by police from doing much more than striking a pose at the top of the stairs leading to the ring at Leeds Town Hall, said it needed brains not brawn to beat him — and Wharton did not have the brains.

"Wharton's not the man to topple this man," Eubank said. "To beat me, you have to be a strategic thinker like Dan Schommer [Eubank's last opponent]. Wharton can't think. He's the sort of guy who says: 'I'm going to do a hard day's graft.' In comparison to Schommer, he is easy lolly."

However, Wharton, who has been training under Saoul Mamby, 47, a former world champion and one of the world's smartest technicians, said he had not only sharpened up his boxing under Mamby but felt confident he would beat Eubank with that punch.

"I think Eubank can't think," Wharton said. "I know he's strong, but he hasn't felt anything like my punch. He's trying to wind me up by disrespecting me as a fighter, by saying I'm easy lolly, but I'm not going to let him get to me. Mamby keeps me from getting too excited. He's a very good tutor."

Mamby, who has been coaching Wharton for three weeks, said the Yorkshireman was a good learner who had improved considerably and now has a 60-40 chance of beating Eubank.

Mamby, who does not rate WBO titles too highly, said he did not consider Eubank a true world champion. He put Eubank's poor performances down to boxing too often. "He's not giving his body time to recover," Mamby said.

Even though Moyo was no test for Wharton, the Commonwealth champion's manager, Mickey Duff, believed the win would help Wharton's confidence: "It was not much of a fight, but it shows Wharton's getting ready mentally and physically," Duff said.

Wharton is to take ten days off before resuming training in the sun, either in Spain or Lanzarote. His sparring partner is likely to be Bobby Joe Edwards, of Manchester, who can imitate Eubank's style.

The Commonwealth championship committee may have to review its rating methods following Moyo's inability to provide any kind of opposition for Wharton. The British Boxing Board of Control's representative at ringside, Harry Warner, said he did not think Moyo was good enough to be a challenger and would be saying so in his report to the committee.

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Stratford is close to Birmingham, after all

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

Clad in denim mufti, and camped on dirty, inner-city grass, an outstandingly patient Michael Bogdanov sets about rewriting *Romeo and Juliet*. Around him are youths from Birmingham's Ladywood, who have agreed to participate in his project. **Shakespeare on the Estate** (BBC 2), but have nevertheless drawn the line at all the "thees and thous". ("Why has this stuff been kept in?" demands a sparky black boy, a self-appointed guardian of common sense; "It's not the Bible.") Meanwhile, in training his unlikely Montagues and Capulets, Bogdanov is nothing if not pragmatic. Genially he surveys his permanently lager-fisted seminar group, and gets on with the job. "So we've got 'Look man, I don't want to fight you'. What happens after that?"

Shakespeare on the Estate started out looking like wrong-headed middle-class do-goodery and ended up as an inspiration. Ignorance is a tricky area for liberals to deal with — and the noisy, opinionated ignorance Bogdanov encountered at Ladywood was certainly pretty shocking. "But what does 'thou art *mean*'?" asked a black girl impatiently, who later spoke Juliet as sweetly as Gwen Ffrangcon-Davies. "*Midsummer Night's Dream*? Did Shakespeare write that?" Confidently abob on this benighted creative soup, Bogdanov listened, smiled a lot, and gently corrected the more glaring misapprehensions — such as that Shakespeare was actually French (an interesting new bone to throw for the anti-Stratfordians).

The miracle of this project was that everybody came out of it well, especially Shakespeare. Bogdanov got young mums spatting as Helena and Hermia, pub drag queens raising the roof with Catherine's naming-of-parts in *Henry V* ("De hand, de fingres" rendered as music-hall smut), a black mother singing "Where the bee sucks" as a lullaby, and street kids brawling over the death of Mercutio. Some of these words have rarely sounded so good. I particularly enjoyed Romeo's "Now put thy head between thy legs / And kiss thy sometime hairy arse goodbye!" (can't find this in the concordance). But always a brave director, Bogdanov put text and paraphrase side by side, to sometimes staggering effect. "I do protest, I never injured thee," declared Romeo, before exclaiming, "Tibalt! Mercutio! Pack it in!"

But Bogdanov was not just in the business of entertainment here. He was out to convince us that Shakespeare belongs to everybody — even to people who've never heard of him, or who subscribe to the heretical Frenchman theory. Which was where the inspiration came in; because he succeeded brilliantly not only in demonstrating Shakespeare's wide appeal, but more importantly in claiming Shakespeare as a birthright — which in the case of these estate-dwellers is obviously a birthright denied.

Clutching the ever-present can of lager (as Shakespeare so rightly wrote, "It's what your right arm's for") a mellow, beer-gutted neighbourhood philosopher gave us Caliban's "This island's mine", and it rang true wonderfully, especially in the form of a walking-shot past a mail fence and a building site. "For I am all the subjects that you have, / Which first was mine own king, and here you sty me / In this hard rock, while you keep from me / The rest o' th' island."

Rarely, either, has Prospero's "such stuff as dreams are made on" been more apt, or more painful. After all, it is unlikely that after Bogdanov's departure, the Ladywood Bard Ensemble would flourish and endure. This insubstantial pageant would fade, all right, and leave not a rack behind. The black girl who spoke so beautifully to her Romeo ("All my fortunes at your foot I'll lay / And follow thee, my lord, throughout the world") would have few opportunities to exercise the talent that suddenly shone out of her. These our actors are melted into air, into thin air. The philosopher raised his lager to his lips. "We are such stuff / As dreams are made on, and our little life / Is rounded with a sleep."

Back at Albert Square, of course, no lessons are required in theatrical intensity. A friend of mine was in a Soho pub on Tuesday night, and the landlady simply turned the television on loud for half an hour, making everybody watch **EastEnders** (BBC 1); it was a bit like a moon landing. Anyway, one thing is clear: should a fictional Bogdanov turn up in this inner-city community looking for Lady Macbeths and Othellos, he would suffer a surfeit of opportunity. Personally, I see Sharon and Michelle as Rosalind and Celia (they'd be obliged to cheer up); also Alan Jackson as Hotspur (he'd look so good in the leathers). Meanwhile in the real world (so to speak), Phil wears a head bandage, Grant mumbles "Is he dead?" and Kathy is "worried sick". Caliban was right. You taught us language and our profit is, we know how to speak in clichés.

Inside Story (BBC 1) was a well-intentioned but lacklustre effort, trailing a couple of junior doctors through their onerous duties, asking "Are you tired?" and "Do you still want to be a doctor?". On a happier note, however, **The Edge** (BBC 2) finished its breathtaking history of Scottish mountaineering on a suitably high point — human-fly aspirants with spiky boots and ice-picks ascending a sheer, vertical, frozen waterfall and amazingly not falling off. Only one thing bothered me about this series: each week we saw the fearless chaps reach summits at sunset, but how did they get down again in the dark? In fact, *how did they do any of it?* Anyone got a number for Desmond Lynam?

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (68867)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (34118393)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (3641634)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1810732) **10.05 Good Morning . . . With Anne and Nick.** Magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (s) (15002003)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1876596) **12.05 Pebble Mill.** Gloria Hunniford introduces Big Band musical highlights (s) (3280409) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (26857867)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (55732)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (89352312) **1.50 The Great British Quiz** (s) (89363428)

2.15 The Flying Doctors. Australian medical drama series set in the outback (1550409) **Wales:** Greenfingers 2.45-3.30 Plaid Cymru Conference **3.00 Greenfingers.** Last in the gardening series from Ireland (s) (5206)

3.30 Secret Life of Toys (s) (4420935) **3.45 TVK** (s) (4418190) **4.00 The New Yogi Bear Show** (7306596) **4.10 Get Your Own Back.** Slapstick game show (s) (6105935) **4.35 Record Breakers** introduced by Cheryl Baker, Kriss Akabusi and Mark Curry (9336225)

5.00 Newsround (8729935) **5.10 Byker Grove.** Children's drama serial. (Ceefax) (s) (5776886)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (332206)

6.00 News & Weather (515)

6.30 Regional news magazines (867)

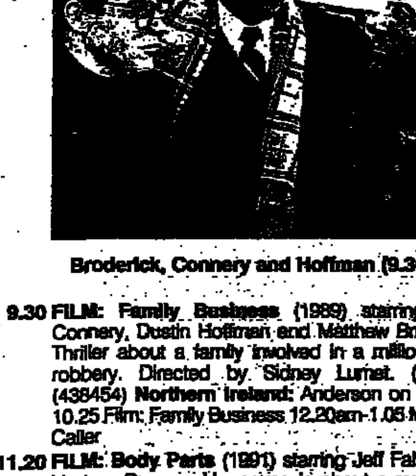
7.00 Wipeout. Game show with Paul Daniels. (Ceefax (s) (3765). **Wales:** Inside Out

7.30 Tomorrow's World. Includes Howard Stableford reporting from the Gulf of Mexico where US Army M60 tanks are being used in the cause of conservation. (Ceefax) (s) (751)

8.00 Keeping Up Appearances. Hyacinth is only too happy to oblige when the wealthy Mrs Fortescue asks for a lift into town (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6967)

8.30 Big Break. Snooker game show presented by Jim Davidson and John Virgo. The guests are Tony Knowles, Neal Foulds and Fergal O'Brien. (Ceefax) (s) (8770)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8138)



Broderick, Connery and Hoffman (9.30pm)

9.30 FILM: Family Business (1989) starring Sean Connery, Dustin Hoffman and Matthew Broderick. Thriller about a family involved in a million dollar robbery. Directed by Sidney Lumet. (Ceefax) (438454) **Northern Ireland:** Anderson on the box 10.25 Film: Family Business 12.20am-1.05 Midnight Caller

11.20 FILM: Body Parts (1991) starring Jeff Fahey and Lindsay Duncan. Horror movie about a man in an accident who has the arm of an executed serial killer grafted on to him. Directed by Eric Red (506157) **Wales:** Domestic Violence Debate 11.50-1.25am Film: Body Parts

12.55am Weather (7228875)

BBC2

7.00 Philbert the Frog (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6875041) **7.05 Poddington Peas** (r) (6674312) **7.10 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles** (r) (Ceefax) (7774206) **7.30 Blue Peter** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (73138)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (3221480) **8.15 Westminster Daily** (5821393)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (s) (2347041) **2.00** Fireman Sam (r) (s) (37977374)

2.10 Sport on Friday. Live second round coverage of the Volvo Golf Masters from Valderrama, Spain. Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **3.00** (945190) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (4542567)

4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (480)

4.30 Ready Steady Cook. Cookery magazine show (684) **5.00 Esther.** Esther Rantzen meets people with stories to tell (8393)

5.30 Catchword. Word power game (916)

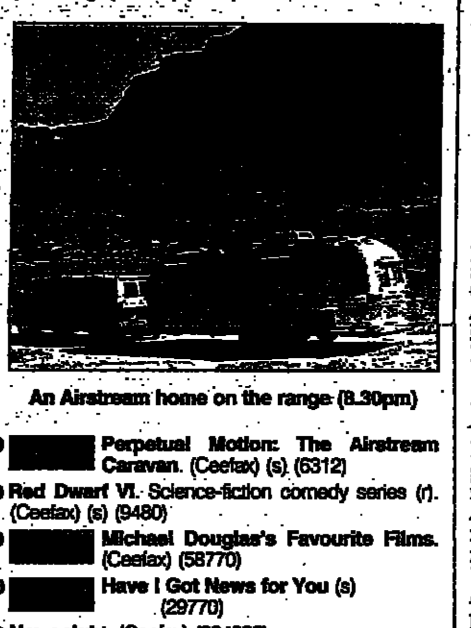
6.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons (r). (Ceefax) (343225)

6.25 Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased). Vintage off-beat private detective series (155428)

7.15 The O-Zone. Pop music magazine (s) (184954)

7.30 Sounds of the Seventies. Punk rock sounds from, among others, the Clash, Buzzcocks and the Damned (r) (s) (393)

8.00 Public Eye: Invisible Killer. Fiona Bruce examines whether the Government's latest measures will help save domestic deaths from carbon dioxide poisoning. (Ceefax) (4577)



An Airstream home on the range (8.30pm)

8.30 Perpetual Motion: The Airstream Caravan. (Ceefax) (s) (6312)

9.00 Red Dwarf VI. Science-fiction comedy series (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9480)

9.30 Michael Douglas's Favourite Films. (Ceefax) (58770)

10.00 Have I Got News for You (s) (29770)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (984935)

11.15 Loose Talk. Kevin Day chairs a comic discussion on topical questions (442138)

11.45 The Larry Sanders Show. American comedy series. (Ceefax) (s) (322916)

12.10am FILM: Ballad of a Soldier (1960, b/w) starring Vladimir Ivashov. The adventures of a Second World War soldier who, after an act of bravery, refuses a medal and chooses a four-day pass instead in order to return home and mend his mother's leaky roof. Directed by Grigori Chukrai. In Russian with English subtitles (8898813) **1.35 Weather** (4587436)

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Comedienne Ellen DeGeneres (Channel 4, 9.00pm)

Ellen
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The heroine of the latest American sit-com to be snapped up by Channel 4 is young, single and played by a stand-up comedian, Ellen DeGeneres. The thrust of the show is difficult to discern from this pilot which spends rather too much time charting Ellen's abortive attempts to secure a flattering photograph for her driving licence. California, where the series is set, has obviously anticipated Michael Howard. Ellen's platonic relationship with her flat-mate Adam would seem to offer little in the way of dramatic tension, which leaves her girlfriend's seemingly frustrated attempts to find Mr Right. But if the jury is out on the format, there can be no dispute about DeGeneres's lively and engaging performance.

Perpetual Motion
BBC2, 8.30pm

The series on transport classics moves to the United States to salute the Airstream trailer caravan. Devised some 60 years ago and still being made, it was created by one Wally Byam as a 20th-century answer to the covered wagon. Byam drew on aircraft design for the aluminium, bullet-shaped bodyshell and offered an air-conditioned interior boasting the comfort of a permanent home. Byam is long since dead and production is down to two a day, but there is no shortage of enthusiasts to sing the Airstream's praises. Grizzled veterans, well into retirement, don the Airstream club's blue beret and think nothing of setting off for a four-week trip through Arizona and New Mexico. The frontier spirit lives on.

Michael Douglas's Favourite Films
BBC2, 9.30pm

Michael Douglas looks back over 40 years of film-going and comes up with a very respectable list of movies to remember. The touching Russian story, *The Ballad of a Soldier* (showing later this evening), is a notable exception to an Anglo-American list that ranges in time from *The Gold Rush* to Douglas's own *Wall Street*. (Surely Chaplin's dance in *The Gold Rush* was with rolls and not, as Douglas suggests, potatoes?) Douglas also includes a film he produced, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, while father Kirk is represented by *Lust For Life* in which he played Van Gogh (or Van Go, as Americans call him). Michael was 11 when the film came out and it must have been something to watch your dad cut off his ear.

Have I Got News For You
BBC2, 10.00pm

The likely lads are back to poke more fun at the week's news in what, unbelievably, is the eighth series. If *Have I Got News for You* is less subtle than its Radio 4 parent, *The News Quiz*, particularly when it confuses smut for wit, Friday nights are all the more enjoyable for its presence. So welcome, Angus Deayton, with your John Cleese impersonation, Paul Merton and your amazing T-shirts and Ian Hislop, who neither sounds like Cleese nor wears T-shirts. Predicting the guest panellists is hazardous. Fans will remember when Roy Hattersley failed to show and was replaced by a tub of lard. But the best intelligence is that the chairs will be filled by former judge James Pickles and actor Martin Clunes.

Peter Waymark

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6.00 GMTV (45201751)

8.40 Parkinis In . . . Cartoon fun (3556916)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (9473119) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2324190)

10.00 The Time . . . The Place (s) (1809954)

10.35 This Morning (99970190) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1865480)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (8759003)

12.55 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (8767022)

1.25 Home and Away. (Teletext) (81922393)

1.55 The Chrystal Rose Show A discussion on sex education (s) (41412139)

2.25 A Country Practice (s) (53922312) **2.50 Take the High Road.** Scottish drama serial (1238312)

3.20 ITN News headlines (6607041) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6606312)

3.30 Children's ITV: The Magic House (r) (4415003) **3.45 The Spooks of Bottle Bay** (s) (4443886) **4.00 Avenger Penguins** (s) (7234596) **4.25 Taz-Mania** (r) (s) (9070683) **4.40 Knightmare** (s) (4991190)

5.10 After 5. (Teletext) (9559393)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (359770)

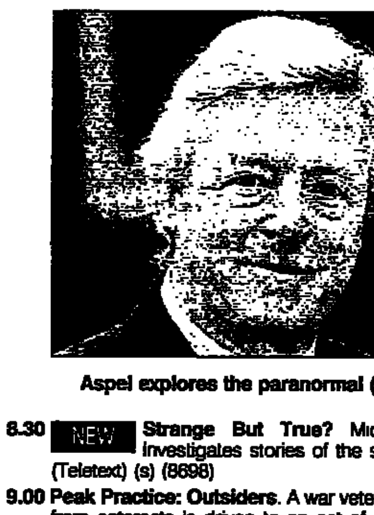
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (330751)

6.25 London Tonight. (Teletext) (753119)

7.00 Catchphrase. Roy Walker hosts the high-tech game show. (Teletext) (5683)

7.30 Coronation Street. The former and present Mrs Wilton finally meet. (Teletext) (119)

8.00 The Bill: Pass the Parcel. Is Brownlow ready to retire? With Peter Ellis. (Teletext) (1003)



Aspel explores the paranormal (8.30pm)

8.30 NEW **Strange But True?** Michael Aspel investigates stories of the supernatural. (Teletext) (s) (8698)

9.00 Peak Practice: Outsiders. A war veteran suffering from cataracts is driven to an act of desperation. With Kevin Whatley, Amanda Burton, Simon Shepherd and Sylvia Syms (r). (Teletext) (s) (3799)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (23596)

10.30 FILM: Too Good to Be True (1989) starring Patrick Duffy as a successful author who marries a beautiful woman (Loni Anderson), despite the protestations of her family. Directed by Christian I. Nyby II (27558916)

12.20am London Tonight (Teletext) (8863455)

12.30 Tropical Heat. Private eye Nick Slaughter tries to clear the name of a model accused of murder. With Rob Stewart (2438981)

1.25 Whale On. Late-night entertainment with James Whale (s) (9523097)

2.30 ITV Chart Show (s) (11134)

3.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. The latest film releases from America (76504)

4.00 Noisy Mothers. The rock and heavy metal music scene (s) (48523)

5.00 Best of British Motorsport (18900)

5.30 ITN Morning News (75146). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35am King Arthur and the Knights of Justice. Cartoon (r) (7893461)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (78683)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (49995)

9.30 Schools: Eureka! (868003) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (8196886) **10.00** Fourways Farm (1827022) **10.10** Maths Everywhere (2768409) **10.25** The Technology Programme (2756664) **10.40** Off Limits (4240041) **11.05** Schools at Work (6285732) **11.11** Time for Maths (4671041) **11.22** Stage One (4668577) **11.40** How We Used to Live (s) (3883190)

12.00 Profiles of Nature. The white-tailed deer of eastern Canada and the United States (r) (20409) **12.30pm Sesame Street** (60732) **1.30 Lift Off** (39645)

2.00 FILM: Crooks In Cloisters (1963) starring Ronald Fraser as the leader of a gang of thieves who become addicted to the simple life when they hide out in a monastery. With Barbara Windsor and Bernard Cribbins. Directed by Jeremy Summers (670374)

3.50 Pete Smith Specialties (6247995)

4.00 Journey Into a Lost Japan. In the first of two programmes, Lesley Downer explores a slower pace of life in Japan when she begins an 800-mile walk from Matushima to the Sacred Mountains (r). (Teletext) (s) (848)

4.30 Fifteen to One (r) (Teletext) (s) (732)

5.00 Cutting Edge: Open Wide (r). (Teletext) (s) (2596)

6.00 Blossom (r) (Teletext) (s) (225)

6.30 Happy Days (r). (Teletext). Followed by **Terrytoons** (577)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (521867)

7.50 You Don't Know Me But . . . (776119)

8.00 Class Action. Includes a look at the difficulties involved in sacking bad teachers (9645)

8.30 Brookside (Teletext) (s) (1480)

9.00 **Ellen** (Teletext) (s) (1848)

9.30 Paris: Les Musiciens. Comedy series starring Alexei Sayle as a struggling artist in 1920s Paris (Teletext) (s) (50138)

10.00 Cheers. Sam (Ted Danson) organises a bowling match (r). (Teletext) (21138)

10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back. Tonight's guests are Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Sir Peter Ustinov and Anthony Robbins (s) (988751)

11.10 Eurotrash. Presenters Jean-Paul Gaultier and Antoine de Caunes meet Madame Claude, a brothel keeper (s) (586577)

11.45 FILM: The Living End (1992). A new season of films entitled *In Your Face* begins with a road movie starring Mike Dytri and Craig Gilmore as two men who begin a destructive love affair. Directed by Greg Araki (s) (734138)



The Marx Brothers are all at sea (1.20am)

1.20am FILM: Monkey Business (1931, b/w) starring the Marx Brothers in their first Hollywood picture as stowaways on board an ocean liner bound for New York. Directed by Norman Z. McLeod (8105455). Ends at **2.45**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: **1.55** The Young Doctors (89357867) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (2967119) **5.10-5.40** Weekend (9559393) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (753119) **10.40** Shooter (29817867) **12.40am** Nightlife (636374) **2.20** Whale On (8421489) **3.10** Noisy Mothers (3086523) **4.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (82320417) **4.35-5.30** The New Music (5843523)

CENTRAL
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (89357867) **2.20** Masters of Beauty (53914393) **2.50-3.20** Travel Trails (1238312) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games and Videos (9559393) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (753119) **10.40** Central Weekend (8098190) **12.10am** Kojak (5343165) **1.10** Whale On (4146368) **2.10** The Big E (6900097) **3.05** Noisy Mothers (7969349) **4.00** Jobfinder (7375558) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (8068707)

GRANADA
As London except: **12.55** Home and Away (8767022) **1.25** Highdays and Otherdays (81922393) **1.55** Brand New Life (8431770) **2.50-3.20** Gardeners' Diary (1238312) **5.10-5.40** Take the High Road (9559393) **6.25** Granada Tonight (439596) **6.55** Kick Off (276374) **7.00-7.30** Catchphrase (5683) **10.35** Project X (91471003) **12.40am** Nightlife (636374) **2.20** Whale On (8421489) **3.10** Noisy Mothers (3086523) **4.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (82320417) **4.35-5.30** The New Music (5843523)

HTV WEST
As London except: **1.55** Take the High Road (41412139) **2.25-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (2035022) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (9559393) **5.55** Home and Away (437670) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (753119) **10.40** Damien — Omen II (29617867) **12.40am** Nightlife (839374) **2.20** Whale On (8421469) **3.10** Noisy Mothers (3086523) **4.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (82320417) **4.35-5.30** The New Music (5843523)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: **12.20pm-12.30** HTV News (1865480) **3.25-3.30** HTV News (6606312) **6.25pm-7.00** Wales Tonight (753119) **10.30-10.40** HTV News (474683)

MERIDIAN
As London except: **9.55am-10.00** Meridian News and Weather (2324190) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (1865480) **1.55pm** A Country Practice (89357867) **2.20** Take the High Road (53914393) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (1238312) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9559393) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (40751) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (474683) **10.40** Rescue India Juliet (732003) **11.10** Raw 94 (514225) **12.10am** Guns 'n Roses (73945233) **2.40** Noisy Mothers (8141349) **3.35** The New Music (2470078) **4.30** America's Top Ten (20283) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (18900)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: **9.55am-10.00** Westcountry News (2324190) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (1881428) **12.25pm-12.30** My Story (1880799) **1.55** Travel Trails (41412139) **2.25-2.55** Gardeners' Diary (53913664) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (6606312) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9559393) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (40751) **10.30** Westcountry News; Weather (474683) **10.40** In the Line of Duty: Mob Justice (29617867) **12.40am** Nightlife (636374) **2.20** Whale On (8421489) **3.10** Noisy Mothers (3086523) **4.10** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (82320417) **4.35-5.30** The New Music (5843523)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: **9.55-10.00** Calendar News and Weather (2324190) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News and Weather / Border: Network North (1865480) **1.55pm** A Country Practice (89357867) **2.20** Murder, She Wrote (2052799) **3.10** Help Yourself (8618157) **3.15-3.20** Five Minutes (8817428) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9559393) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (779022) **6.30-7.00** On Your Marks (935) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (474683) **10.40** Rock of the North (361799) **11.40** The Stuff (737225) **1.15am** Whale On (171788) **2.15** The Big E (8909386) **3.10** Used Cars (797349) **5.00-5.30** Sprockets (18900)

S4C
Starts: **7.00am** The Big Breakfast (78683) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (49995) **9.30** Yagolion/schools (780393) **12.00** Profiles of Nature: The White-Tailed Deer (20409) **12.30** Slot Meithrin: Ty Chwith (30374) **1.00** Sesame Street (68157) **2.00** Scrappers: Look After the Pennies (8409) **2.30** Cynhadledd Plaid Cymru 94 (24393) **4.30** Boy Meets World: The Fugitive (732) **5.00** 5 Pump — Lined 5 (3461) **5.30** Fifteen to One (312) **6.00** Newyddion 6/ News (427751) **6.30** Heno (769770) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (3225) **7.30** Pelydr X (461) **8.00** Gwlad Moc (9645) **8.30** Newyddion/news (1480) **9.00** Maesnon Trumor? — Aur Du Azerbaijan (1848) **9.30** Spirits, Ghosts And Demons (50138) **10.00** Brookside (21138) **10.30** Clive Anderson Talks Back (988751) **11.10** Eurotrash (586577) **11.45** The Living End (734138) **1.20am** Monkey Business (8105455)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (73544634) **8.40** Cartoons (8311645) **9.30** Card Sharks (9049732) **9.55** Concentration (9057751) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (2703190) **10.30** New Candid Camera (57577) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (95374) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (71157) **12.30pm** E Street (89664) **1.00** Falcon Crest (84119) **2.00** Hart to Hart (78119) **3.00** The Heights (6910119) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (1278867) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1356) **6.00** Games-world (9157) **6.30** Spellbound (9138) **7.00** E Street (1645) **7.30** M*A*S*H (9393) **8.00** The Andrew Newton Hypnotic Experience (5503) **8.30** Coppers (9428) **9.00** Chicago Hope (18190) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (28577) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (788515) **11.45** Booker (694799) **12.45am** Barney Miller (78813) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (75726)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1841461) **9.30** Worldwide Report (78190) **10.30** Nightline (55119) **1.30pm** CBS This Morning (86577) **2.30** Parliament (9770) **3.30** The Lords (1515) **6.00** Littlejohn (95225) **9.30** *Financial Times* Reports (90770) **11.30** CBS News (64916) **12.30am** ABC News (94707) **1.10** Littlejohn (1670829) **2.10** Newswatch (5891078) **2.30** Parliament (29436) **3.30** The Lords (14788) **4.30** CBS News (36436) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (15788)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (2246428) **10.00** Conrack (1974): Drama (83480) **12.00 The Pad** (1966): Sex farce (874138) **1.35pm Harry Sundown** (1967): Drama (93574393) **4.00 What Did You Do in the War, Daddy?** (1966): Comedy (5848) **6.00 The King of Comedy** (1982): Drama (22393) **8.00 Honeymoon in Vegas** (1992): Comedy (54965374) **9.40 US Top Ten** (751596) **10.00 Rage and Honor** (1992): Thriller (533041) **11.40 Freddy's Dead: The Final Nightmare** (1991) (342225) **1.10am The Last of His Tribe** (1992): Drama (7907297) **2.40 Valmont** (1989): Drama (741900) **4.40-6.00 The Pad:** As noon (7168184)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm My Darling Clementine (1946): Western (17409) **8.00 Diary of a Madman** (1962): Horror (12954) **10.00-12.00 Theatre of Blood** (1973): Horror (89409)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The Vengeance of She (1967): Thriller (28935) **8.00 Sinbad:** Children's cartoon (67799) **9.00 Goldilocks and the Three Bears:** Animation adventure (17645) **10.00 Wives and Lovers** (1963): Comedy (81022) **12.00 Shattered Family** (1993): An unsettled 11-year-old boy finally settles with a foster family (73684) **2.00 Branded** (1950): Alan Ladd is set up by crooks to inherit a dead man's ranch (40799) **4.00 Sinbad:** As 8am (10989) **5.00 Goldilocks and the Three Bears:** As 9am (6954) **6.00 Little Heroes:** Drama (32954) **7.30 The Movie Show** (2003) **8.00 Deceived** (1991): Thriller (25480) **10.00 South Central LA** (1992): Drama (282770) **11.45 Toy Soldiers** (1991): Action (418428) **1.40 The Disappearance of Nora** (1993): Drama (563788) **3.15 Girlfriend from Hell** (1990): Horror (53688271)

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (8342225) **7.15** WWF All American (237393) **8.15** Soccer News (7227634) **8.30** ATP Tennis Magazine (77426) **9.00** World of Rugby Union (51480) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (87393) **10.00** A to Z of Sport (57138) **11.00** ATP Tennis: Stockholm Open, live (9071751) **3.30pm** World of Rugby (4003) **4.00** Baseball Bloopers (53799) **5.00** NBA Magazine (5867) **5.30** Soccer Magazine (3374) **6.00** Soccer Weekend (22268) **7.00** The Big League: Hull v Wigan, live (514312) **9.30** Andy Gray's Bootroom (76206) **10.30** Soccer Magazine (58393) **11.00** Soccer Weekend (58867) **12.00-2.00am** The Big League (427097)

SKY SPORTS 2
6.00pm ATP Tennis: Stockholm Open (7406799) **9.00** US PGA Golf, from San Francisco (4832312) **11.00** WTA Tennis (9209916) **11.30-12.30am** NBA Basketball Magazine (8519664)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (46022) **8.00** Triathlon (56765) **9.00** Eurofun (86799) **10.00** Tennis (37886) **10.30** Rally Raid (42732) **11.00** Rally Raid (55770) **12.00** Rally Raid (95312) **1.00pm** Volleyball (71732) **2.00** Golf (86515) **4.00** Tennis (870480) **6.30** News (9835) **7.00** Motorsports (58732) **8.00** Boxing (78596) **10.00** Wrestling (57003) **11.00** Superbike (43935) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (52233)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Destinations (5344751) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (5501022) **1.00** Alaska Video Postcards (4317652) **1.30** Hawaii Cooks (5500393) **2.00** Dive Dennikamp (5886664) **2.30** Pierre Franey's Cooking in America (8800428) **3.00** Round Trip (5807799) **3.30** Mansions (8872645) **4.00** Travel (6884480)



Susan Saint James and Jane Curtin (UK Living, 5.30pm)

4.30 Kids Down Under (6880684) **5.00** Hawaii Cooks (5879916) **5.30-6.00** Pierre Franey's Cooking in America (6871916)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (5341654) **8.30** Peyton Place (5340935) **9.00** As the World Turns (2538954) **10.00** Guiding Light (2317472) **11.00-12.00** Another World (8917616)

TLC
9.00am The Joy of Painting (7428461) **9.30** Simply Delicious Fish (1988664) **10.00** Life is for Living (4369022) **10.30** Speaking of Courage (1888119) **11.30** Four Men Speak Out (5171732) **12.00** Divorcing Daddy (7448225) **12.30pm** Work in Progress (1982480) **1.00** Simply Delicious Fish (5888515) **1.30** The Joy of Painting (1981751) **2.00** Parents Talking (1258732) **2.30** Discovering Psychology (1403454) **3.00** Cyril Fletcher's TV Garden (1277867) **3.30-4.00** Running Repairs (2958549)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (8058003) **7.30** Neighbours (8077138) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (9508480) **8.30** EastEnders (9507751) **9.00** The Bill (9598003) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (5219206) **10.30** Casualty (88898732) **11.35** The Sullivans (19588596) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (9518867) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1826312) **1.00** EastEnders (8057374) **1.30** The Bill (1825883) **2.00** Are You Being Served? (8828577) **2.30** The River (9441461) **3.00** Knots Landing (3539312) **4.00** Dynasty (3525119) **5.00** Every Second Counts (4090751) **5.35** Top of the Pops (6564190) **5.55** Terry and June (6771596) **6.30** EastEnders (9468770) **7.00** Are You Being Served? (8622393) **7.30** And Mother Makes Five (9462954) **8.00** Hazell (6712935) **9.00** Casualty (6732799) **10.00** The Bill (9519596) **10.30** Top of the Pops (1898732) **11.10** Carrott Confidential (4290577) **11.50** Dr Who (7698312) **12.20am** FILM: Ill Met By Moonlight (1958): Second World War adventure with Dirk Bogarde (42842243) **1.35** Candid Camera (84602417) **2.05-3.00** Shopping at Night (3823675)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Its Drobee Time (71393) **7.00** Pastagums (8748461) **7.15** Tifou (6789312) **7.25** Where's Wally (1509577) **7.55** Head to Head (3120645) **8.05** Eek The Cat (1085515) **8.30** Saved by the Bell (67) (11886) **9.00** Super Mario Brothers (40886) **9.30** Art Attack (21751) **10.00** Beakman's World (35515) **10.30** Bobbys World (91022) **11.00** Jem (80867) **11.30** Beverly Hills Teens (81596) **12.00** Swamp Thing (82374) **12.30pm** Stunt Dawgs (32867) **1.00** Pugwall (64515) **1.30** Saved by the Bell (31138) **2.00** Eek the Cat (6515) **2.30** Babysitters Club (4886) **3.00** Tic Tac Toons (3652206) **3.10** Around the World in Eighty Seconds (5098206) **3.45** Head to Head in 3D (5398062) **4.00** The Bots Master (5138) **4.30-6.00** Round the Twist (4022)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Toons (30481) **7.30** Grimmy (3964138) **7.45** Rugrats (643770) **8.15** Ren and Stimpy (9027616) **8.30** Slimer and the Real Ghostbusters (68770) **9.00** Nick Jr (738225) **12.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (79886) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (89751) **1.00** Doug (39732) **1.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (88022) **2.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (2157) **2.30** Smoggies (6288) **3.00** Slimer and the Real Ghostbusters (1664) **3.30** Where on Earth is Carmen Sandiego? (2645) **4.00** Grimmy (4480) **4.30** Rugrats (6044) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (3409) **5.30** Doug (1916) **6.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (1157) **6.30-7.00** Joe 90 (2409)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Magpies (9463683) **4.30** Natural Causes (9459867) **5.00** A Traveller's Guide to the Orient (8840799) **5.30** The New Explorers (8450119) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (9865480) **6.55** California Off-Beat (9443577) **7.00** Search for Adventure (6734157) **8.00** Fat Man Goes Norse (6710577) **9.00** The Secrets of Treasure Islands (3512645) **9.30** Coral Reef (1804190) **10.00** High Five (9517138) **10.30** Lifeboat (9526886) **11.00-12.00** Wings of the Red Star (8065393)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Life in Emergency Ward 10 (1959) (3886683) **2.00pm** The Avengers (3874848) **3.00** My Three Sons (8625480) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (9448374) **4.00** FILM: I've Gotta Horse (1964): Musical comedy (8636596) **6.00** Get Smart (9477886) **6.30** Edgar Wallace (6480206) **7.30** Saber of London (9457022) **8.00** The Avengers (6707003) **9.00** The Time Tunnel (6727867) **10.00-12.00** FILM: The Castle of Fu Manchu (1970): Drama (3523751)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (2284480) **7.00** Living Magazine (3234698) **8.00** Fighting Back (7430206) **8.30** Truth About Women (7439577) **9.00** Floyd (7541848) **9.35** Definition (4747428) **10.00** Trivia Trap (4354190) **10.30** Susan Powter (7442041) **11.00** Young and Restless (5877867) **12.00** Calendar (6424913) **12.35pm** Kilroy (3861409) **1.30** Going to Pot (1983119) **2.00** Agony Hour (4362119) **3.00** Living Magazine (6310729) **3.45** Gladrags (46584119) **4.00** Infatuation (5108062) **4.30** Definition (57989954) **4.55** Reluctant Cook (3012577) **5.30** Kate and Allie (1708206) **6.00** Material World (4958729) **6.30** Rodeo Drive (4758521) **7.00** Living Magazine (4939799) **8.00** Young and Restless (4315119) **9.00** Mr Wrong (80113848) **10.40** Gladrags (9355428) **11.00** Susan Powter (5180480) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation (4350374)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Tintin (7867) **5.30** Blade Warriors (75003) **6.30** Through the Keyhole (6867) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (7003) **7.30** The Mighty Jungle (5751) **8.00** Road to Avonlea (14312) **9.00** Moonlighting (71003) **10.00** Catchphrase (83003) **10.30** GP (92751) **11.00** Lou Grant (41664) **12.00** Rhoda (92875) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (63875) **1.00** Family Catchphrase (24639) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (54366) **2.00** Moonlighting (23638) **3.00** Lou Grant (49726) **4.00** Rhoda (73097) **4.30-5.00** The Mighty Jungle (55564)

MTV
5.00am Awake on the Wildside (57894) **6.30** The Grind (13393) **7.00** Awake on the Wildside (19190) **8.00** VJ Ingo (641225) **11.00** Soul (62157) **12.00** Greatest Hits (13732) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (412480) **3.30** Report (4043175) **3.45** Cinematic (3598080) **4.00** News (1522848) **4.15** Three from One (1545799) **4.30** Dial (6480) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (90175) **7.00** Hits (71062) **8.00** Most Wanted (99799) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (14481) **10.00** Report (459886) **10.15** CineMatic (447041) **10.30** News (298225) **10.45** Three from One (286480) **11.00** Party Zone (53683) **1.00am** Soul (23558) **2.00** Grind (51875) **2.30-7.00** Night Videos (1949962)

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7.00pm Guns of Diablo (1963) Western (57851409) **8.30 Dirty Dingus Magee** (1970): Comedy western (76498206) **10.10 The Younger Brothers** (1949): Western (54301770) **11.45 Space Ghost Coast to Coast:** Chat show (56848312) **12.00 The Silent Stranger** (1969): Spaghetti western (69994788) **1.45am Son of a Gunfighter** (1965): Western (91019436) **3.25-5.00 Apache War Smoke** (1952). Western (38348369)

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Smiles all round as Valderrama's fangs stay hidden



Mitchell, at the 10th tee, on his way to a round of 65 and a share of the lead in the Volvo Masters yesterday

FROM JOHN HOPKINS
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IN VALDERRAMA

THE fangs that Valderrama bares at its opponents were hidden yesterday. The golfers wore smiles as they handed in their cards and the spectators saw more birdies on the first day of the Volvo Masters than they had in any two days of a previous event.

What had happened? The par 71 course, the most difficult and the best-maintained in Europe, yields sub-par rounds about as often as a pauper hands out pound notes, but, in the first round of the concluding event of the season on this continent, 18 competitors were below par and 12 more equalled it. Since only 54 men are playing, this means that more than half of them were on par or better, a day of scoring such as has not been seen before at a course that some say could have been designed by the Marquis de Sade.

Was there a mocking look on Valderrama's face last night, as if it knew that havoc would be wrought sooner rather than later? Even on a day of such remarkable scoring, Colin Montgomerie, who had a 69, still managed to run up five bogeys, more than in 72 holes last year. "Don't be fooled," Mark McNulty warned. "Today we caught the course with its defences down. It's still out there and this is a very difficult golf course."

Nobody, however, reeled off it with a look of anguish on their face and thoughts of murder in their heart, as has happened so often in the past. Indeed, Miguel Angel Jiménez, Peter Mitchell and Sam Torrance all had a shot at breaking the course record of 65, six under par. They all faltered when the prize was within their sights, yet, with 22 birdies between them (and four bogeys), they still returned cards of 65 to lead by two strokes from Tony Johnstone and three from Ian Woosnam and Pierre Fulke.

Someone said that a rainbow to one man is a wisp of fog to another and for all those 30 good scores, one of the most notable bad ones came from Nick Faldo. He went round in 74, three over par, nine strokes worse than the leaders, and lies joint-39th. His score included five bogeys and one double bogey.

"I haven't been working hard enough," Faldo sighed. "I've only been doing nine-hour days. It should be 12 hours."

For the second time in a month, Faldo was paired with Sandy Lyle. "He must be coming down to my level," Lyle remarked drily of the man whose career for so many years was interwoven with his own, but who, lately, has soared ahead. Lyle, 71, yesterday outscored Faldo by three strokes.

The respective successes of Faldo and Lyle, the fact that they are near-neighbours and both members of the same club, Wentworth, have not eradicated the friction that has always existed between them. Some photographers came upon the pair of them when Faldo was in trouble on one hole. "Stop smiling," one photographer remarked to Lyle. "I can't help it," Lyle replied mischievously.

Jiménez ascribed his success to not making any mistakes, Peter Mitchell to having taken the trouble to chart the contours of each green so that he knew where to hit his approach shots, even if he then ended with a 25-foot uphill putt rather than a ten-foot downhill one.

"This is the first time I have done a chart like this," Mitchell said later. "It took me three days to do it and I am not sure I can read it because it looks so confusing. But it did help me. This course is very, very severe. It looks as though it is designed to wear you down. You have to work out where you can take a liberty and there are probably only four holes where that is the case — the 1st, 5th, 10th and 11th — and then only if you put your drive in the right place."

Torrance said the course was running unusually fast. Last year, when the event was played one week later because of the Ryder Cup, there had been heavy rain.

Frank Nobilo went round in 65 a few years ago when the course was also softened by rain. "The problem greens have been changed," Nobilo pointed out yesterday. "They have made the 12th and the 14th greens a little flatter. They have taken the fairway bunker out on the 17th, and the greens are running slower, about ten on the Stimpmeter, I should think. That is about the right speed. There was no wind and, on such a day, the scores were about right. I think the course now is very, very fair."

Valderrama could be likened to a woman that bestows her favours occasionally and discriminately. On this day, she was mistreated. And you know what that means. Hell hath no fury, and all that. The players had better watch out.

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65: M A Jimenez (Sp), P Mitchell, S Torrance. 67: A Johnstone (Zim), 68: P Fulke (Swe), I Woosnam. 69: R Allenby (Aus), P Eales, C Rocca (It), C Montgomerie, S Ballesteros (Sp). 70: M Harwood (Aus), F Nobilo (NZ), P Curry, P Way, M McNulty (Zim), J M Olazabal (Sp), D Gilford. 71: S Struver (Ger), R Davis (Aus), V Singh (Fiji), A Coltart, B Langer (Ger), H Clark, S Lyle, J Haeggman (Swe), P Hedblom (Swe), P Price, R Rafferty, J Lomas. 72: B Lane, P-U Johansson (Swe), M A Martin (Sp), R Claydon. 73: J Parnevik (Swe), C Mason, A Forsbrand (Swe), P McGinley. 74: G Brand Jr, D Clarke, N Faldo, M Roe, M Davis. 75: M James, K Eriksson (Swe), G Turner (NZ), G Orr, E Romero (Arg), P Walton. 76: L Westwood. 77: G Hjertstedt (Swe). 79: J Rivero (Sp), R Goosen (SA). 84: W Westner (SA).

Ardiles fears the end of his great adventure



Rob Hughes says the Tottenham manager must sacrifice his principles in order to save his job

THE clamour for the head of the Tottenham Hotspur manager, Osvaldo Ardiles, begs fundamental questions about British attitudes to sport.

Is it really only two months since the Tottenham approach was being heralded as the catalyst to a more adventurous dawn for our football? And is the public, lead by the press, so fickle, so impatient, so thirsty to have an adventurous man dismissed that it goes knocking on the chairman's door after a defeat, albeit against first division opposition, Notts County, in the Coca-Cola Cup on Wednesday night?

Visitors to the Tottenham training ground yesterday were sent packing with the bland message that there was no known plan from the chairman, Alan Sugar, to dismiss his manager, or to make a public statement. It was "business as usual". Good. For Sugar, volatile though he may be, has to remember that the last time he changed managers, surely learning that they are not as interchangeable as satellite dishes, he brought not only the wrath of Terry Venables, not only litigation, but also breached the agreement not to poach another club's manager, an agreement that has been so toughened up that it will be difficult to replace Ardiles from within the present crop of viable successors.

Moreover, it was Sugar, when he handed Ardiles a four-year contract in June 1993, who proclaimed: "We've got the best man to do the job." The best man? Ardiles began this season under enormous pressure, brought by the Football Association's action over misdemeanours not of his making, by winning the first two games. "We have lived dangerously in both," he conceded, "but we will continue to play with this cavalier attitude, though for certain we must improve our defending."

He has proved thus far a less capable manager of defence than attack, but Ardiles, a fine chess player, knows that defence is the basis of all attacking moves. Unless he is to be rudely pushed forwards, sidewards or backwards in the managerial game, he must now find within his staff a player as vital to defence as Klinsmann is to attack.

More vital, in fact, for Klinsmann can only score goals when the chances are created and, after netting seven times in the opening six Premiership matches, he has been scoreless in five. However, the key to the immediate health of Tottenham's points balance sheet is the Romanian, Gheorghe Popescu. He was signed for £2.9 million and immediately said that his true position is libero, that he acknowledges England finds this a foreign role and that he would rather be a midfield player than a defensive centre half.

Well, Tottenham's need is desperate for a man to marshall the defence. Ardiles must tell Popescu unequivocally that the time has come for him to "sacrifice a little individuality, make yourself the fulcrum of my team".

Those were the words by which Cesar Menotti made Ardiles the world-class fulcrum he was for the 1978 World Cup winning team — a conversion that attracted Tottenham to gamble on him then, to introduce arguably the most influential foreigner ever to come among our footballers.

To approach that demand on Popescu, Ardiles must re-examine the core relationship he has at Tottenham with his assistant, Steve Perryman. The latter, the son of an English airport loader, made a pact when they performed together with the Argentinian, who is the son of a lawyer and military officer. It was that if ever either became manager of Tottenham, the other would drop whatever he is doing and be his aide.

In common with a trend in English football, Perryman tends to coach the Tottenham defence, while Ardiles works with the attackers. These, at Tottenham, dramatically outnumber the defenders and one wonders how, if there are two masters of separate units, the cohesion in midfield ever takes place.

The question was emphasised at Maine Road, Manchester, last Saturday, when Flitcroft and Lomas, two of Manchester City's midfield players, were allowed to score goals against Tottenham, with no Tottenham midfield player accepting responsibility to chase back in support of their defence.

And among the talking that is bound to be taking place in the Tottenham dressing-room, it is likely that Perryman is asking Ardiles to sacrifice a little of his principles, to build, at least temporarily, a defensive platform of three central defenders. It is not the first time they have differed.

Some years ago, when Ardiles was enthusing his Swindon Town players by telling them "the ball is your lover, your friend", Perryman, then manager of their rivals, Watford, had a word in the Argentinian's ear. "You will not achieve anything through style in the second division," Perryman said. Ardiles responded: "Steve, I'm going to play football. I will die in the way I think football should be played."

They may, unless they quickly get defence together, "die" in the footballing sense together. There is no great rift between the friends, as Perryman said yesterday: "We must all work and work together to get out of this crisis."

Ardiles was not the maker of the Tottenham crisis. The Sugar-Venables vendetta was. Ardiles knew, when he was beckoned by Sugar, that he was to a large extent a pawn in the game.

He believed, no doubt still believes, that he can provide the adventure that will sooth the bickering. But he and Sugar previously had in common only the fact that Ardiles played chess on computers, Sugar sold them. The game, chess, will have taught Ardiles the importance of watching not only the other man's eyes, but also what is in his hand.



JAMES MORGAN

Perryman, Ardiles's assistant, cuts a lonely figure as he supervises Tottenham's players at their Mill Hill training ground yesterday

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Hughes aims to stay

MARK Hughes, the Manchester United striker, is banking on finishing his illustrious playing career at Old Trafford. The Wales international has been offered a new one-year contract with the club, but has delayed signing because he is unhappy it is not for a longer duration.

"I hope the negotiations will soon be sorted out amicably," he said yesterday. "I believe I have five more years as a top player and I want those to be at Old Trafford."

Fears that Hughes would need an immediate hernia operation subsided yesterday after he said he had played three games without reaction. He hopes to be recalled for United's two vital matches next week — the FA Carling Premiership encounter with Newcastle tomorrow and the European Cup Champions' League visit to Barcelona on Wednesday.

☐ Steve Hodge, the former England midfield player, yesterday completed a £300,000 move from Leeds United to Queens Park Rangers.

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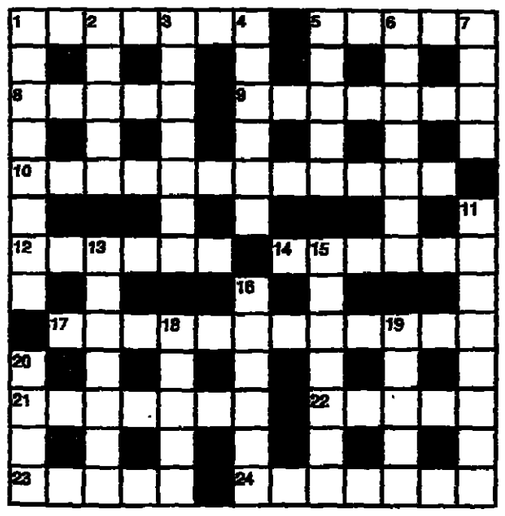
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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 304

ACROSS

1 Escape: come off it! (3,4)
5 Crumbling: (US) eccentric (5)
8 Agile (5)
9 Badly behaved (7)
10 Become competent in new role (4,4,4)
12 Detective (6)
14 Compose (quarrel); invent (4,2)
17 Rash: irresponsibly violent (7-5)
21 Not broken in (7)
22 Samuel —, code inventor (5)
23 Mock-up: baby soother (5)
24 Reparation (7)

DOWN

1 Silent pet: highly public sort of bowl (8)
2 Giant (5)
3 Selectively remove (the unwanted) (4,3)
4 American (6)
5 Down; error (in reciting) (5)
6 Successfully complete (7)
7 Winding/unwinding toy (2-2)
11 Nimble condition (8)
13 Misprint (7)
15 Remorseful (7)
16 Offer; vulnerable (6)
18 Lame (leg) (5)
19 Mashed food (5)
20 Store of capital (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 303

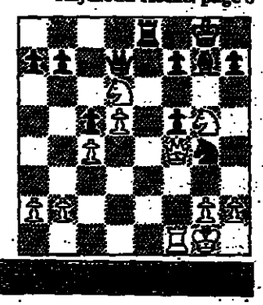
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DOWN: 1 Farouche 2 Solace 3 Fool 4 Dead loss 5 Afraid 6 Brio 12 Mitigate 14 Toboggan 16 Purity 18 Aurora 20 Loaf 22 Alms

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Brinck-Claussen - Littlewood, Varna 1962. How did Black gain a decisive material advantage?

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By Philip Howard

SIWASH
a. A sand bath
b. An Indian
c. A pink yam

TARBAGAN
a. An Inuit elder
b. A fish spear
c. A hairy marmot

VAALHAI
a. The tope
b. The gateway to Valhalla
c. A Veldt wagon

SHUL
a. A snow-boot
b. A female troll
c. The synagogue

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